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## FANNIE'S FLIRTATION

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A CONTINUED STORY IN TEN CHAPTERS

CHAPTER III.

A PATRIOTIC PERFORMANCE.

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The Hylaper Mansion was indefinitely situated "on the banks of the Hudson," and was all that could be desired in point of size and accommodations, for almost any description of merry-making.

Plenty of rooms on the ground floor, plenty of piazza, wide halls and stair-cases, spacious grounds, graveled walks and rustic seats left nothing to be desired.

Mrs. Hylaper was a lady who lived for society, and whom society treated very graciously in return. She was smiling, talkative, and cheerful to the last degree; always richly dressed, and with no apparent purpose in life but that of giving pleasure to others. She had been a widow, with one son, when she married Mr. Hylaper—a heavy, respectable kind of a man, who was installed in the comfortable mansion aforesaid, where he wandered about at his wife's parties, rather bewildered at things generally—and disposed, when he accosted ladies, to select the youngest and prettiest as the objects of his attentions.

Every one spoke respectfully of Mr. Hylaper's wealth, and Mr. Hylaper's business talent; he was large and stout, and dignified-looking; not at all given to triffling—in short, one of those solid, much looked-up-to-men, of whom one suddenly hears something dreadful, that blasts the whole fair-seeming of a life-time of outward respectability.

Mrs. Hylaper reveled in excitement, and mixed up charity, worldliness; religion, and dissipation in a manner that was perfectly startling; she seized every occasion, every "movement" whatever, and turned uit to advantage. "This dreadful war"—although bewailed, with plump, jeweled hands uplifted, and eyes rolled skyward, as though beseching the enemy to return to their senses, and cease harrowing her susceptibilities—was, on the whole, an excellent thing for her. In the begi

the lawn, and gave vent to their enthusiasm in the most delightful and unsophisticated manner.

In an upper room of the brilliantly-lighted mansion, a young girl stood before a handsome mirror, arraying herself with great care and deliberation, as though she felt the importance of her task and respected it. This young person was attired in a robe of azure velvet, thickly sprinkled with gold stars, and falling behind in a long train, and opening in front to display a rich petticoat of crimson satin, striped horizontally with white. The open neck was filled with a stomacher of point lace, and neck and sleeves were trimmed with ermine fur. A mass of rich brown ringlets were gathered at the back of the head, and a flashing tiara, composed of graduated stars, completed this singular attire.

The young lady appeared to be satisfied with herself; and as the door opened, and she turned to greet the intruder, such a charming, full-length picture

was presented as would excuse almost any amount of vanity. The face was so fair and youthful, and the expression so joyous, that it was difficult to reconcile it with three seasons of fashionable society. It was better suited to the school-girl of three years ago; for Fanny Nettleton had not seemed to change in that time, except to grow prettier. Outwardly, at least; for as some half-dozen disappointed ones spoke of her as "a sad flirt," there must have been some foundation for the charge. It is sad to think of the guileless little heroine of that day in the autumn woods thus transformed; but three years of constant polishing and hardening must leave their traces. leave their traces.

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Mrs. Hylaper was a Saratoga acquaintance, who had happened upon Fanny the preceding summer; and, always on the alert for attractions, that sagacious lady had extorted from Mrs. Chalmers the promise that Fanny should spend the month of September with her. Mrs. Hylaper was all smiles and graciousness, and "dear Fanny'd" her charming guest morning, noon, and night; while, inwardly, she sacrificed to the propitious Fates who had kindly removed her son from so dangerous a neighborhood.

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Looking at the girl now, with her natural charms heightened by an unusual and most becoming style of dress, Mrs. Hylaper felt more than ever grateful; but, surveying the graceful figure with pretended criticism, she exclaimed, "Perfect! Ravishing! The Empire State will, as usual, bear off the palm." Then producing a rich scarf of red, white, and blue—on the white stripe of which was embroidered in gold the name of "New York"—she tied it over Fanny's left cheridar, and the dress was complete.

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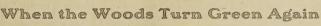
Very majestic was the step with which the Empire State walked the length of the room for inspection; and as Mrs. Hylaper declared, she looked "every inch a queen." A silk flag of stripes and stars was carried in the right hand; and a more charming personation it was difficult to conceive.

Mrs. Hylaper, herself, was attired as the Goddess of Liberty—as nearly in keeping with the portraits of that celebrated female as circumstances would allow; but as that lady's usual attire is little more than a skirt of the kind now termed "lanky," her representative had improved matters by wearing the shield, in rich satin, across her bosom, and indulging in an unorthodox fullness of skirt. No one, though, seeing the shield, and the golden cornoet, on which was enameled, in large letters, the word that roused our forefathers' blood in days of yore, could mistake the character intended.

The mistress of ceremonies collected the different States from various apartments, in groups of twos and threes, or more, and a most attractive constellation they formed; each being attired in what had been decided, in solemn conclave, to be the style most in keeping with the State represented—only wearing in common the scarf over the left shoulder containing the embroidered name.

Vriginia, the Old Dominion, and the mother of Presidents, was dressed in a black velve robe of Revolutionary make—rich, old lace around the square neck and half-short sleeves, hair done up high and powdered, and jewels flashing on arms and bosom. The pretty brunette, who took this character, was pronounced to be a fresh, young portrait of Mary, the mother of Washington.

California wore a dress of amber statin, with heavy gold links on the round, bare arms, gold powder glittering in her dusky hair,



BY W. D. NESBITT

ceeded with the business of the evening; and the various States in succession defiled before the goddess, each making an obeisance, and delivering an appropriate address in unexceptionable verses.

A deep blush flitted over the face of the fair Empire State, as, with her sweeping train, borne gracefully by two little fairies in white, she advanced to the front of the stage, and delivered the longest speech that had yet been recited, in the course of which she very prettily reminded the Goddess of Liberty of her own wealth and importance—observing that, as no prouder, so no more faithful subject paid her allegiance—and concluding with a prayer that her own prosperity might depend on her loyalty to her soverign. The regal air and proud humility were irresistible; and when she gracefully dropped on one knee before the goddess, and bowed the bright head, with its glittering tiara, "in homage due," "the house" could contain itself no longer—but broke forth into such peals of applause, that the goddess whispered, under its cover.

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Her eyes, by some magnetic attraction, wandered to the far end of the room; and there they came in contact with another pair of eyes that had a wondrous gift of staring; and, look where she would, Fanny was conscious of the steady gaze of those persevering orbs. They belonged to a quiet-looking individual, in military undress, with a sun-burnt, closely-shaven visage, and his arm in a sling, who was standing apart in a corner, and seemed very much engrossed by the performance.

Fanny felt bewildered, she knew not why, and those dark eyes quite unsettled her self-possession—until there was a visible tremble in her voice, and she was inexpressibly thankful when her speech was ended. She was evidently the favorite of the audience, and admiring words and looks followed her into the comparative retirement on one side of the stage.

Some of the speeches were facetious, and some were sentimental; some of the performers were bold, and others were frightened; but, on the whole every one admitted that it passed off very well—though none of them

performers were bold, and oil admitted that it passed off very well—though none of them equaled the Empire State. South Carolina seceded, and was saucy—abundantly fulfilling the promise of her nose; Massachusetts quarreled with her and waxed furious; New York prettily interfered with regal authority; and, in the words of the crowd outside, there was "a grand to-do." Virginia was majestically floating off, when all hands joined in singing something about the grave of Washington; to which the Old Dominion listened politely, and went just the same. Something was fired off, and Fort Sumter fell; the poor, distracted goddess called for war, and a ferocious figure, ammed cap-a-pie in tin armore of the scene of the sc

for war, and a ferocious figure, armed cap-a-pie in tin armor, appeared upon the scene, and evidently excited more amusement than terror; for the autience laughed, and applauded, md said, "Pretty good for Clarendon Lamb!" And Clarendon Lamb came out afterward, without the armor, and sang a bugle-like song, of which the refrain was: "Liberty, or Death!" which he whispered gently, as though afraid of disturbing some one. He was a very meek-looking

All but Mrs. Hylaper; and she pounced on the quiet individual in the corner, and gasped, rather than said,
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"Archibald! Where, in the name of all that is wonderful, have you come from?"

"From camp," was the smiling reply. "I got a scratch at Antietam, and am at home on a furlough; but, mother, you do not seem particularly glad to see me. Or is your mind preoccupied by the business of the evening?"

"It is so unexpected," she murmured, giving him what he felt to be a sort of duty kiss; "but come and be introduced to somebody, if you are not too tired. Does your arm pain you much?"

"No, not much," he replied, coldly; and this was his welcome home.

That azure velvet dress was closely surrounded all the evening; and it was not until the last carriage had driven off that Mrs. Hylaper said, with a groan,

"Oh! Fanny, this is my son, Archibald Lathrop; Archibald, Miss Nettleton,"

"I am not 'Miss Nettleton,' to-night,'' said Fanny, laughing, "I am the Empire State; and until I get rid of these heavy robes, I shall not feel like myself. So, good-night,'' and she glided up the stair-case.

"That is a dangerous girl,'' said Mrs. Hylaper, impressively, shaking her head at Fanny in the distance.

"Is she?" replied her son, with rather a peculiar smile.

"What has gone wrong now?" asked Mr. Hylaper, in some surprise, when alone with his wife; for he perceived, from unmistakable signs, that the partner of his bosom was in rather an irritable mood.

"Did you know that Archibald had come home on a furlough?" she inquired, in reply.

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in reply. "Why, yes, of course I did—but, with most mothers, that would be a cause of

"Not with such a girl as Fanny Nettleton in the house; and, unfortunately, I dont' care to offend her by packing her home again—which is what I feel most like doing."

"I don't see what there is against Fanny," said Mr. Hylaper, perversely; "there is neither insanity nor scrofula in the family that I am aware of."

"There are two things against her," replied his wife, resolutely. "In the first place, she is poor—and in the next place, she has too decided a will of her own to make an agreeable daughter-in-law,"

"She does not appear to me to be at all susceptible," remarked Mr. Hylaper; "perhaps she won't care to captivate Archibald."

Mr. Hylaper's opinion of Fanny's susceptibility was founded upon the fact of his having offered a morning kiss to that young lady, who was looking especially fresh and pretty, upon the plea of being "old enough to be your father, my dear;" but as the old gentleman's visage was not unlike that of an owl, and by no means a kissable one, Fanny had rather peremptorily declined.

Mrs. Hylaper deigned no reply to such an absurd suggestion; and Mr. Hylaper was allowed to pursue his journey to the land of dreams.

#### CHAPTER IV. AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE.

The next morning, Miss Fanny Nettleton descended to the breakfast-room with two praise-worthy resolutions: one was to plague Mrs. Hylaper by getting up a firstation with her son Archibald—and the other was to please herself by the same proceeding. For Mr. Archibald Lathrop was of quite a different stamp from the men by whom she was surrounded; and, besides, she was piqued by the very calm manner in which he had received the introduction, to her radiant self, on the even-

and exerted all their powers of fascination to draw him out. On such occasions, he was po-lite and deferential, but noth-

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offiver Wendell Holmes.

Lathrop's boyhood, who lived in a pretty little cottage near, in the enjoyment of
as much happiness as falls to the lot of mortals.

And on a bright September afternoon, Fanny Nettleton, curled up on a sofa in
a blinded window, nursing a slight headache, heard a number of surprising things
that were not altogether agreeable to hear. Mrs. Hylaper had taken the carriage for
a visiting expedition, and the young lady had the premises to herself; except the
plazza on which the blinded window opened; for after a short time there was a
sound of chairs and voices there that told of preparations for a "sitting." Edenton
Langthorne, Mr. Lathrop's friend, was a great favorite of Miss Fanny's; and, in
spite of Shakespeare's cynical assertion that "a young man married is a man marred," he was always so cheerful and bright, in his views of human nature, that it
was a pleasure to be with him. He had another charm that is not as common as it
might be: he was a thoroughly clean-looking man; he never smoked, or chewed,
or did anything else to make himself disagreeable; and a great many charming
women half-envied the pretty, gentle girl who had married him.

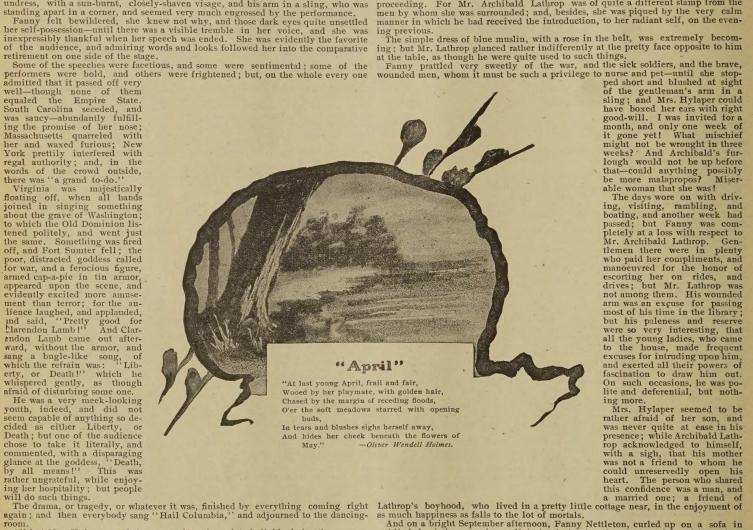
Fanny did not "feel it to be her duty" to leave her comfortable nest, on the
sofa because the gentlemen had chosen to move so close to it; and, after a few sentences of conversation, she felt herself quite justified in remaining.

"Lathrop," said Mr. Langthorne, with a cheerful laugh, "the blanks are quite
as often on the other side. I wonder you don't make up more to Miss Nettleton—
she is a very charming girl."

"Too charming entirely," was the half-sneering reply. "I could never be facinated
by a woman who was trying to facinate me—that is, if I saw it as plainly as I do in
this case."

"Poot!" laughed his friend, "you are too fastidious entirely. Miss Nettleton
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this case.".
"Pooh!" laughed his friend, "you are too fastidious entirely. Miss Nettleton is a little mischievous, I admit; but Hattie, who is quite intimate with her, thinks very highly of her. Besides, you are a very provoking male creature to a girl accustomed to universal homage; and Miss Nettleton is, probably, piqued into amus-Continued on page 39.



# The Pursuit of Happiness.

#### By Harold Ohlson.

The twilight had fallen and the long shadows faded on the grass. The breeze had died with the sunlight; the air was warm and filled with the perfumed breath of the sleeping flowers. Through the trees came the soft, sweet notes of a harp, and the sound of a girl's voice singing. "It might be an angel," murmured

voice singing. "It might be an angel," murmured Mr. Forrester.
"It isn't. It's"—
"A little lower than the angels?"
"Much lower," said Mrs. Forrester with decision.
"I don't know what to do with the girl, Jim. Fanny relies on me to get her comfortably settled, and the child won't have a penny."
"She's very pretty; there should be no trouble about that."
"Trouble!" gasped Mrs. Forrester. "Think how

about that."

"Trouble!" gasped Mrs. Forrester. "Think how she talks to the men! There was Mr. Lydon—she told him she hated people who did not work; she was digging up potatoes at the time—she would do it. She said he wasted his life. The poor, dear man was furious about it; you know how well he plays bridge."

bridge."

"I thought that Porter might have"—

"Don't!" pleaded Mrs. Forrester. "I can't bear to think of it. It would have been the best possible match for her. He's got a splendid business, and certain to be in Parliament soon. That is the very thing Fanny wants; she loves to have a lot of friends and feel superior to them. The girl must have offended him; I know he meant something."

"Better luck next time," said Mr. Forrester.

Mrs. Forrester began to count on her fingers.

"Coming to-morrow for the weekend—the Bishop of Southminster. Of course, she's not at all the sort of girl to suit the Bishop."

"Tell me her remarks," pleaded her husband, preparing for some enjoyment.

But Mrs. Forrester shook her head.
"I hope she won't repeat them to him."
"In any case, I shouldn't reckon on the poet."
"He's rich, but, as a lover, he's subject to agonies.

Angela would not care for them."
"Not a bit, I'm sure."
Then Mrs. Forrester touched the third finger of her left hand. Her husband pointed to it.
"It is an omen. The wedding ring finger!"
"John Brandram!" she cried triumphantly.
Mr. Forrester laughed.
"You may leave him out too, I think," he said.
"He may change his absurd opinions."
"Not for a kingdom, he says."
"Chut! What's a kingdom? But not for Angela."
Mr. Forrester shook his head.
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"He's coming tonight to stop until Tuesday—perhaps longer," argued Mrs. Forrester, clutching at a straw. "We'll feed him well, and, if Angela is nice to him, it is possible, by Tuesday"— "It would be delightful!" cried Mrs. Forrester. "I wish you luck," said her husband, cheerily; and there, for him, the matter ended. But Mrs. Forrester thought of it long and seriously, and had made precise arrangements for Mr. Brandram's future happiness when that gentleman duly arrived half an hour later.

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"We hope you will stay as long as you can," she said, as she wished him good-night. "It is so rarely you pay us a visit now. To-morrow we expect the dear Bishop, Mr. Mandeville, Sir John and Lady Haselmere—and, of course, Angela will be here."

"Your trouble will be to get rid of me," laughed Brandram. "A charming hostess, beautiful scenery and for company a bishop, a poet and a knight and his lady."

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"I beg her pardon," said Brandram. "I'm afraid I had forgotten Angela."
It was twelve o'clock, and a starry night, when Brandram, leaning out of his bedroom window, began to review his philosophy. He had, of course, no idea of Mrs. Forrester's plans for his future, but the night

she and her mother lived alone. Mrs. Tremayne had, early in life, married a man of lower standing in the world than her own family, and her endeavors to raise she and her mother lived alone. Mrs. Tremayne had, early in life, married a man of lower standing in the world than her own family, and her endeavors to raise him in the social scale—not that he wanted to be raised, poor man—had exhausted his income, so that when he found he could not breathe at such an altitude and quietly died he left little to support his wife and daughter. Through a relative they became possessed of the little house by the sea (its address—"ten miles from everywhere," explained Angela), and, living there, the tiny income that was theirs sufficed But Mrs. Tremayne, handsome still for all her forty years, mourned ever her banishment from the society she loved. Her mind grieved over the trivial inconveniences of their poverty; to wash one's own clothes was terrible. Truth to tell, Angela rather liked it. She washed and sang; her mother ironed and wept. For the iron entered into her soul.

It was a standing grievance with Mrs. Tremayne, whose nature it was to find comfort in the house of sorrow, that Angela was always singing, and not songs appropriate to their circumstances. But, as Angela pointed out, that was why she sang them. Songs of love and laughter were they, swelling softly in the dark shadow of the pines, mingling strangely with the thunder of the sea breaking white on the beach below. Angela obstinately refused to weep; her mother revelled in tears. Here was a girl resolutely set on meeting trouble with laughter, so that it would be shamed into flying. "Gather ye roses while ye may," sang Angela. And, if the roses were but dry pine cones, and the sand that served for soil welcomed no bright flowers—well, one felt the better for the singing of them, said Angela.

The invitation for her daughter to visit Mrs. Forrester, a distant connection, had delighted Mrs. Tremayne. It must be admitted that she had been neglected by many of her relations in her husband's lifetime. She had married unwisely, and must bear the consequences. But when Mrs. Forrester heard of his death and the poverty t

#### The serve May Maga 2000 of which - Charles SONGS OF THE SPRINGTIME In the Hollow A South Breeze April Crocus By MARGARET E. SANGSTER By LUCIA BELL COOK By SARAH J. DAY By RALPH WALDO EMERSON Down in the hollow, where lately lay the Of all the winds that come and go, I'd rather be a south breeze low, To kiss the blossoms as I blow, Each modest violet, purple-eyed, Each golden daisy in its pride. snow, Sleeping till the bitter winds have all forgot to blow. The Crocus had slept in his little round April cold with dropping rain to blow. Waking with the day dawn, when the bud is on the thorn. Laughing softly to herself for joy that she is born. There I found arbutus, pink and sweet and shy. And with it found the child I was in happy years gone by. Willows and lilacs bring again, The whistle of returning birds So soundly the whole winter through; There came a tap-tapping,—'twas spring at door: "Up! up! we are waiting for you!" And trumpet-lowing of the herds; The scarlet maple-keys betrav A south breeze from the south must start, So, from the land of love, my heart, Must thou come forth to do thy part, Yes, in love's tropic, sunny bowers, Must catch the spirit of the flowers, And then wherever thou shalt go, Sume flower shall bud, some blossom grow. What potent blood hath modest May; shy. And with it found the child I was in ... years gone by. For the hand that holds arbutus is a child's hand to the end, And whoever knows the darling flower knows and loves a friend. The Crocus peeped out from his little brown What firery force the earth renews, The wealth of forms, the flush of hues house, And nodded his gay little head! "Good morning. Miss Snowdrop! and how What joy in rosy waves outpoured, Flows from the heart of love, the Lord. do you do This fine, chilly morning?" he said. 200 The serve Ma Comme 200 2000 2000 was warm and bed uninviting. An observer might have considered him a lover thinking of his mistress. Brandram laughed to himself as the idea came into his mind, and it led him to think of the manner in which he ruled his life, ordering it on fixed principles which, he considered, nothing could alter. He would be happy; not, indeed, chasing the wild fairy Pleasure, but rather wooning the smiling dame Contentment. He had determined, and this from close watching of humanity, that happiness, in the vast majority of cases, is endangered by friendship and family ties. The troubles of self are often few, but to feel the sorrow of others—this is to be in constant danger of losing peace of mind. So he had hardened his heart. Troubles come with friends. He would have no friends. Neither would he make enemies, although this he held the less important. Governed absolutely by cold reason, he knew such convictions were better hidden if life were to be free from annoyance, and the world considered him a pleasant enough fellow, noticing only that he was proof against the witchery of women, exercised on him none the less, however, for his reputation of indifference. As for taking a wife—that would be the end of his philosophy, and he had no mind to end it. Caring for nobody else, he could bear his personal troubles lightly (his income was large), and be professor of a philosophy of laughter that would take him through life on pleasant paths and through flowery ways. "It is the secret of happiness!" cried the philosopher to the starry night, and went undisturbed to bed. He had quite forgotten Angela. But to explain the change that gradually took place in Brandram's opinions during the days following it is necessary to consider the girl whom, at first, true to his principles, he had scarcely noticed. Angela's home was many miles away; a tiny cottage in the dark of a deep cut valley that sloped to the sea. There

"You never know," said her husband, cheerfully. The singing had ceased, but before Mrs. Forrester could get past her thumb (representing the Bishop) she was interrupted by cries of "Topsy! Topsy!" from the neighborhood of the drawing room windows. Then came two white figures scampering over the lawn, one tall and slender, the other tiny but vastly

lawn, one tall and slender, the other tiny but vastly energetic.

"Where are you going, Angela?" cried Mrs. Forrester, rising from her chair.

But Angela was in haste.

"Rats!" cried she, and, waving her hand, continued her wild scamper to the river.

"It's—it's nothing to laugh at!" gasped Mrs. Forrester, sinking back into her chair. "She means that she and the dog are going to hunt them—she's done it before, only they never catch any; and I'm sure she'd scream if she saw one."

"She might not suit the Bishop," remarked Mr. Forrester, thoughtfully.

"I hope she will treat him with respect."
Her husband shook his head sadly. He was not hopeful—unless, indeed, the Bishop were clever at catching rats.

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Mrs. Forrester prepared to continue her list of guests, and moved to her first finger, announcing "Sir John and Lady Haslemere."
"A most devoted couple. One finger serves for

Then there will be Geoffrey Mandeville. I have en Angela his last book of poems to read. Perhaps "Then there will be Geoffrey Mandeville. I have given Angela his last book of poems to read. Perhaps you haven't seen it?"—here Mr. Forrester shook his head vigorously—"It is called 'A Lover's Agonies." "I have heard of them," he admitted. "They get easier when he is a husband. But do you think Angela would be likely to—?" "She hardly caught the spirit of the verses when she read them, judging from her remarks."

but also with veiled hints of her hopes and how caution and good sense were to be used, at which Angela was very indignant.

But she had remembered them when Mr. Porter sought her society, and she hated him because she felt every one must know how she had been advised. Yet he was a good man—a little pompous, certainly fat, but kindly and pleasant. A great man in the society of a wealthy London suburb: caution and good sense chose him from all the world. How Love laughed!

Returning to our philospher after he had enjoyed a few days of Angela's society, we find him again at his bedroom window, but no longer serene and content with his life. The gift of laughter, the making lihgt of trouble, the constant good humor, all of which, close observer of humanity as he was, he had speedily detected in Angela, had given her an attraction for him that no woman had ever exercised before. Surely she would bring no trouble with her—she, all compact of laughter. Although for years he had shut himself in a strong tower, built, as he thought, of all enduring stone, yet now he was wondering if Love—Love that is greater than Time, Love that is stronger than Death—would not sweep it away as the sea levels the child's castle of sand. Brandram was in a torment of indecision, for the convictions of years die hardly. He was no conceited fellow to think the prize given for the asking, but he would make no effort to win it unless he were convinced that he desired it above all things. Should he go away—while he could? Or should he follow his heart and scorn his philosophy? ''I dare not'' wrestled with ''I would,'' and the philosopher went much disturbed to bed, crying no wisdom to the starry night.

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But Brandram's cynicism was chiefly of the tongue. He had, it is true, no love for humanity, but he was keenly sensitive to beauty of scene; a Nature

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# The Hardy Spiræas.

By Kate Little

There is hardly any class of hardy flowering shrubs that affords as much variety, or makes as effective display either with blossoms or foliage as the Spiraeas. There are few people that realize the possibilities and valuable qualities of this large class of hardy shrubs, embracing at least a dozen distinct varieties while many nurserymen catalogue twice as many. They are while many nurserymen cata-logue twice as many. They are as hardy as currants or plums, living and doing well for a life time when once estab-lished. Any one planting a bed or row of well selected va-rieties will not make a mistake for years only improve the beauty of these shrubs. The Spiraeas include varieties seven or eight feet tall medium

beauty of these shrubs.

The Spiraeas include varieties seven or eight feet tall, medium sized shrubs, and dwarf varieties only a few inches in height. The blooming period of the different varieties covers the entire season. Thus a few well selected shrubs planted together will furnish flowers every day during the season, not only by the different varieties blooming in succession, but some kinds will bloom all summer if the flowers are picked as soon as they fade. The colors are white, or red in different shades, from light pink to brilliant scarlet. The flower clusters also afford variety, some having flat clusters, others round or cone-shaped heads, or long spikes, and others blooming along the whole length of the branches. The size of the individual flowers also varies. Spiraea prunifolia having pure white double

The size of the individual flowers also varies. Spiraca prunifolia having pure white double flowers as large as a nickle, along the branches. Spiraca opulifolia has large flat clusters of flowers; Spiraca billardi and spiraca sorbifolia have panicles of minute blossoms that appear like plumes, the individual flowers being hardly distinguishable.

There is also great variety in the size, shape, and color of the foliage, affording a pleasing contrast when the different species are planted together. The brilliant tints in autumn also make a beautiful display, while Spiraca aurea is one of the best yellow foliage shrubs, opening its leaves of bright yellow in spring and holding their color all summer till they drop late in the fall.

my Spireas are planted in a group along the north line of a village lot, and give me a great deal of satisfaction, but a large round, or oval bed on the lawn would prove even more attractive, where there is room enough, as they would show to better advantage than

when planted in rows, or grouped with other shrubs. Such a bed should have a row of the tall varieties in the center with the medium sized shrubs next and the dwarf varieties on the outside. A good selection would be: for the tall row a Spiraea aurea in the center with Spiraea opulifolia, white, Spiraea Billardi pink, and Spiraea Van Houttei, white on either side. As Van Houttei blooms so profusely as to bend to the ground it would be best not to plant anything outside of it. For the medium sized shrubs Spiraea arguta, Spiraea prunifolia, spiraea thunbergi. Spiraea bumalda alba is white, Spiraea billardi, and Spiraea bumalda rosea are pink and crimson. Of dwarf varieties Spiraea callosa alba is a good white and Spiraea



Spiraea Sorbifolia

anthony waterer bright crimson. On one side of the

anthony waterer bright crimson. On one side of the center row the medium sized shrubs could all be white and the dwarf shrubs red or pink, while the other side of the bed should have the medium sized shrubs all red and pink, with the outside row all white, or, the color could alternate in either sized shrubs.

Where only a single shrub is needed any one of the Spiraeas is fine, but Spiraea sorbifolia is best planted alone and is a very lovely shrub with white feathery plumes. On account of its habit of spreading freely from the root by suckers this is the only way it should be used as, if planted with other varieties, it would soon spread among them spoiling the effect; when planted alone this propensity can be controlled.

When planting, the space to be occupied should be considered, the needs of the situation, and object in view should be studied, using taste and judgement as to planting in groups with other shrubs in rows, in a bed on the lawn, or singly. Spiraeas will be found to afford as much pleasure for the same amount of outlay and labor as any other class of shrubs, while their hardiness and attractive display will enhance the beauty of cottage or mansion, whether in town or country, and be a

cottage or mansion, whether in town or country, and be a continual source of pleasure to both the possessor and the passerby.

#### Coming

L. EUGENIE ELDRIDGE

Over the tops of the mountains, Over the crested sea, Speeding o'er sunlit fountains, Speeding so swiftly to me.

Tinged with the rose of morning, Tinged with the sunset light, Fair as a bride's adorning, Fair as the gems of night.

Radiant with song and with flowers, Radiant with sweetest perfume, Coming from lovliest bowers, Coming in beauteous bloom.

Decked her fair brow with all splendor, Decked her bright garments with gold;

Minstrels unnumbered attend her, Minstrels her praises unfold,

Coming from forest and hillside, Was ever so welcome a comer, coming ou breath of the springtide, Coming—the beautiful summer!

## A Tub of Lilies. By Annie L. Jack.

"Nymphea odorata" the water lily of our streams and rivers is an object of pursuit by flower lovers in mid-summer. A free translation of the name is "Bride of the waters"—and it is the symbol of purity and

In October, or before severe frost, the water is drained from the tub and it is placed in a very cool cellar, such as is suitable for keeping potatoes or other roots. The only trouble during a dry spell in summer is that the birds make free to take a bath in the water, and stir it too much for appearance—likewise breaking the leaves in their enjoyment of the bath. To obviate this, a bit of netting placed across the tub will keep them away; till the need has passed. In October, or before severe

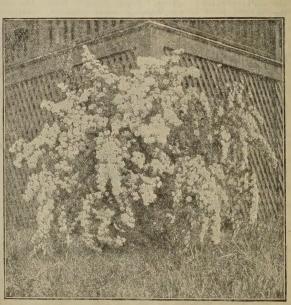
To those who love simple thing to grow, for even in the smallest of back yards, it can be a pleasing reality and an object of interest. Wherever placed the tub needs full sunlight, and to be kept well supplied with water.

#### Two Valuable Books Free

If you want Eben E. Rixford's book entitled "The Flower Garden" and John Elliot Morse's "Vegetable Garden" without cost to you except a kind deed, please turn to page thirteen of this issue and read our liberal offer. Our readers have never before had an opportunity to obtain two such valuable books on such liberal terms. You can help yourself by helping others. Will you not do it today?



Spiraea Arguta



Spiraea Van Houttei

## An Odd Caterpillar with Whip Lashes for a Tail

By Mrs. Ellen R. Miller

My first specimen of this queer Pussmoth caterpillar (Dicranura vinula), was the contribution of Tommie, a little neighbor who is an enthusiastic companion of my trips, and who eagerly hunts things for the "bug woman." The boy had been sent to mind the cows while they browsed by the roadside, but he slipped away to the swamp instead, and there discovered the fork-tailed larva caterpillar which he at once brought to me. As he neglected to notice upon what it was fork-tailed larva caterpillar which he at once brought to me. As he neglected to notice upon what it was feeding, I was obliged to experiment with leaves from different trees and shrubs, until I learned, at the end of two days, that willow was its natural food plant. But the caterpillar had stubbornly fasted during the two days, and the strength which it lost, was the cause, I think, of its death soon after. This refusal of the worm to eat of any but its chosen food plant is a trait common to all caterpillars and one quite likely to make trouble for the person rearing them, and to bring disappointment as well, for I not only lost the specimen but did not secure another during the specimen but did not secure another during the

specimen but did not secure another during the entire summer.

In the middle of the following July, however, while my horse was drinking at a roadside frough, I saw, not three feet from my face, one of these caterpillars; it was two-thirds grown and rested on the mid vein of a willow leaf. Of course it was immediately transferred to my collecting how with two smaller reactions, from Or course it was immediately transferred to my collecting box with two smaller specimens from the same tree. The little ones were cute and we nick named them kittens because their heads, large in proportion to their bodies, in profile resembled the head of a cat. This resemblance was strengthened by ear-like bristles on either side of the face. They ate incessantly, and would not stop even when "big Puss" crawled over them

over them.

Their color was a bluish green and brown, and Their color was a bluish green and brown, and a noticeable green line extended down the middle of each tail. After a few days there came a time when one of the kittens remained quiet for hours. I knew it was preparing to change its coat, but I found later, that it had met with an accident, for it was unable entirely to extricate itself from the old larva skin; this I endeavored to remove, but I only succeeded in piercing the soft body of the insect, whoes life was thus sacrificed through my blundering.

When mature the larve caterillar was of a

When mature, the large caterpillar was of a bright green, with sides and prolegs (the elephant-shaped legs on the body) peppered with brown; the face was also of brown, as well as a phant-shaped legs on the body) peppered with brown; the face was also of brown, as well as a portion of the dorsal surface whereon was traced a conventional design, reminding me of my mother's Paisley shawl. The rough, forked tail contained long, thread-like whips, and these were shot out, waved threateningly, and withdrawn, at the will of the owner. I have read that at times these whips expel an irritating fluid, but (as for myself) I am unable to verify the statement. No doubt the whip lashes are an effective defense against many enemies, but they can not protect the larva from the ichneumon flies. One of these parasites pierced the skin of little puss and laid its eggs beneath. Then, because its body was appropriated as a feeding ground by the maggots of the fly, the caterpillar was literally compelled to yield its life. The puss larva when disturbed, bunches the front of its body, and draws back its head, so that the face peers out from the thoratic folds in a ferocious manner. It also throws forward the forked tail and assumes a speaking attitude, which says, "touch me at your peril," but when very angry, the caterpillar swings its body from side to side, the body being supported only by the last pair of prolegs.

One day in early August I noted that the larva was

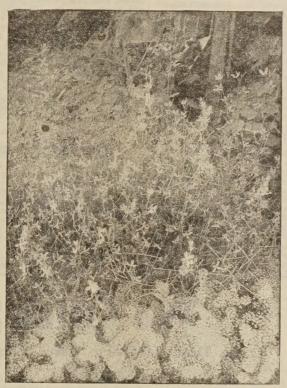


dumpish, its pretty coloring gone, and the whip-lashes curled and shriveled. Such symptoms foretell the approach of the pupal or dormant state in a caterpillar, so as I had read that the insect requires bits of wood for the construction of its cocoon, I placed a little saw-dust in the feeding box, hoping thus to aid in the building of its winter home. However it ignored my contributions, and was soon tucked snugly within a tough silken cocoon which was attached to the side of the box.

I missed the resurrection of the inmate in the summer of the following year, but I am certain from indications, that the Pussmoth passed safely through its dark chrysalis period, and, on some night in June, flew forth, a small, grey-brown creature, to revel in life and liberty and love.

#### Matthiola Bicornis By Florence Beckwith

A modest little flower, so modest that it is quoted in but few catalogues and its merits scarcely known, is Matthiola bicornis. It is a member of the same family as the stock, or gillyflower, and its fragrance is somewhat similar. The foliage is an inconspicuous, grayish green; the blossoms are single and at first sight



Matthiola Bicornis

seem to have no particular beauty to recommend them, being a purplish lilac, or lilac pink in color.

During the day the flowers are closed, and the plant being rather weak-growing and inclined to be a little sprawling in habit, makes no show whatever. In fact, if one sees it for the first time during the day, some surprise is felt at finding it among the gayer beauties of the garden. But, as evening approaches, the plants straighten up, the blossoms open, and the fragrance which they emit is not only delicious, but absolutely entrancing. Sweet-scented stock, evening-scented stock, night-smelling stock, are some of the common names which have been given Matthiola bicornis, and they are all not only suggestive of the fragrance of the blossoms, but also indicate that they are particularly odoriferous in the evening.

The transformation which occurs in this evening-scented stock is not only interesting, but the observer becomes quite absorbed waiting for the change. One moment the flower is scentless; the next it is filled with a fragrance which is wafted through the garden and is perceptible at a considerable distance. It is not an evanescent odor, but one which permeates and clings; and yet is not of the heavy, cloying kind, but deliciously, spicily sweet, an odor of which one feels that it is impossible to have too much.

The specific name bicornis is given on account of the peculiar two-horned seed pods, which make an interesting feature of the plant after the blossoms have withered.

The plants can be raised in the hot bed, or in the

The plants can be raised in the hot bed, or in the house in boxes, or the seed can be sown in the open ground. If allowed they will sow themselves, thus

giving no trouble after the first year. Try a mass of it in some corner of the garden, or, better still, near a veranda where the family gather in the evening; you will surely be delighted with its charming fragrance, and the modest beauty of the blossoms will grow upon you the more you see of them, so suited do they seem to the twilight hour.

## Spare the Wild Flowers

By Agnes Scott

While nature study has gained a strong foothold from one end of the country to the other, it may surprise many that this so-called nature study has a little superior merit, for the numerous illustrated nature books have unfortunately endangered the existence of the many wild plants that would have escaped public notice. The destruction of the wild flowers is almost appaling, for the flowers and plants of fields and woods are indiscriminately picked by selfish seekers for the gratification of the moment. It is to be regretted that the many who study wild flowers are only fond of finding a new flower, and some are 'scientifically interested in them, and even then in the nomenclature rather than the flowers.

The public must yet be educated to value and enjoy the plant life of fields and woods without destroying them. Often we meet children in the woods pulling the pink ladys' slippers by the hundreds and unfortunately we see the beautiful pogonia, calopogon, arethusa, and cotton grass or pussy-toes are being mercilessly gathered. Selfishness and ignorance are unlimited in consideration for the most interesting wild

ered. Selfishness and ignorance are unlimited in consideration for the most interesting wild flowers. In many places and purposes are the bright colored flowers picked and pulled with their roots from their native soil for decorating schools and the church. The great masses of the crowded flowers lose their beauty and suggestiveness, and are ineffective as a decoration. The shy blossoms dragged out of their homes are useless for decorative purposes, and are like the many slaughtered innocents. Only the sturdy flowers and plants should be introduced as decorations, as the daisy, wild carrot, and those that are abundant that will survive wholesale picking.

sale picking.

What is needed is to educate the people to the broader and higher plane of human love for the plant life, so they can enter into the nature-world with eyes and ears opened to the beauties and melodies around them. One will gain more real knowledge of the influences of nature by rightly turning the heart and eyes to see that the sacred work which can at present be done for the wild flowers and ferns, is to labor to protect the mute little friends of woods, fields, hills and streams, that they may be an ever-varying beauty and joy everywhere. In this direction can true education of mind, heart, and eyes be can true education of mind, heart, and eyes be developed.

#### The Selection of Roses

By Mrs. C. Cawthon

Now that the season has come to plant roses we begin to search the catalogues for newer varieties, for the flower lover is never satisfied. It is surely a most bewildering array to select from, but let me whisper, many of the old tried roses will give better satisfaction than the new ones. I am writing this to those who have not the money to spend for novelties. It is a vexation to send for a new rose described in the catalogues in the most glowing terms, and pay from twenty to forty cents for it, and have it prove a failure.

ilure.
The Mermet class is an ideal Tea rose, and each rep-The Mermet class is an ideal Tea rose, and each representative of this class will be sure to please. We have, Catherine Mermet, Bridesmaid, Maman Cochet, Souvenir De Clairvaux, and Muriel Graham. All pink roses of fine form and differing in color only—Souvenir De Clairvaux being nearly a crimson at some seasons, while Muriel Graham is the lightest color suffused with yellow.

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I bought the White Maman Cochet and received a white rose, but nothing to compare with the Pink Cochet as the white was only semi-double and out of the bud state was worthless. The Bride is the best white rose of the Mermet class, and the sun turns its outer leaves pink.

The La France is the ideal H. T. and is so well known that it needs no description. From this class we have many fine varieties, Duchess of Albany, Belle Siebrecht, Beauty of Stapleford, Mad Caroline Testout, all beautiful pink roses.

Then of red Hybrid Tea roses, we have Meteor, Pierre Guillot, Souvenir De Wootton, and Triumph (Continued on page 34)

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#### FOR THE CHILDREN

### The Story of Trixy

By Benjamin Keech

A story in four parts. The first part was published in the March issue of Vick's.

It would be too long a story to tell of the many winning ways that Trixy took to endear himself to the Floyd family. Suffice to say that he did endear himself, and lastingly, too; not only to the children, but to Mrs. Floyd, as well, who found him a very enjoyable companion when Mr. Floyd was away at work and the children were in school.

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One day he discovered an objectionable looking gentleman preparing to descend into the cellar via the outside entrance. He barked and blustered until he succeeded in making the fellow nervous; and was at last rewarded by witnessing the tramp's hasty departure through the gate, just as Mrs. Floyd came around the corner of the house to see what was going on. going on.

That night the children hugged and petted the little dog until he became almost embarassed. Mr. Floyd condescendingly threw him a crust of bread, and Trixy smiled pleasantly at his reward.

It would be impossible to narrate the many tricks that the children taught him

many tricks that the children taught him during the long winter evenings; of how he was at first made to sit up on his hind feet, his fore feet held gracefully under his chin, and of how he was next imparted the mysteries of being a "dead dog."

Of how he was taught to turn summer saults, and jump from boxes, ladders, etc., first through barrel hoops, then through paper ones; of how Neva succeeded in having him learn to waltz, standing gracefully upright on his hind feet and stepping and turning to a tune that Charlie played on his harmonica; of how the children praised and caressed him on the success of this last achievement and of how the little fellow apprement and of how the little fellow apprement. ment and of how the little fellow appreciated it all.

ciated it all.

About the first of May, Charlie and Neva decided to have a circus in one of the large hay barns which happened to be empty, and which could be used for this purpose as well as not. Accordingly, the Hayes children were invited to come and bring their guinea pigs and their gold fish; the Burton children were also invited and instructed to bring their mud turtle and Prince John, the angora

The Roberts children and the Taylor children also received invitations, and between them all they were able to furnish a menagerie worth going to see. All the neighborhood became more or less interested. Squire Hayes especially so. He announced that he would give a prize to the pet or animal that attracted the most attention because of any par-ticular achievements. When the Floyd children heard of this, their eyes spark-led. Everyone did not know about Trixy's tricks.

At last the appointed day for the circus arrived, and as it was "rainy underfeet" a reasonably large crowd began to collect in due time and it was noticed that there were almost as many grown people present as children. They inspected the animals, which were placed around one side of the barn in "cages," then seated themselves comfortably facing the "ring" in the middle of the floor.

Old Mr. Burton opened the circus by Old Mr. Burton opened the circus by making a short speech, welcoming every body to the show and hoping they would all have a good time. Then the specialties were introduced. Lena Roberts sang a solo in a way that the audience appreciated; after which Fred Taylor displayed a little yellow bantam hen that possessed the remarkable achievement of but walking backward. Then Claude Roberts and Grace largely oxygen gas—by a process requiring immense apparatus and 14 days' time. This process has, for more than 20 years, been the constant subject of scientific and chemical research.

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PART II. -TRIXY AT THE "CIRCUS." Burton began a humorous dialogue which kept every one in the best of

George Hayes exhibited a pair of beautiful white Belgian hares that sat up and drank some milk from a saucer that and drank some finite from a sancer that he held in his hand; then Clementine Taylor recited "The horse, dog and man," with feeling and finish, after which Frisky the pet Shetland pony of the Burton children was led in, persuaded to kneel down and walk a short littered to his horse.

suaded to kneel down and walk a short distance on his knees. This was the only trick he had ever been induced to do.

Fred Hayes with his guitar and Cora Roberts with her mandolin, played a bright, catchy air that set every ones feet to keeping time. When this was over, a silent, expectant hush followed. Something was going to happen, every one

a silent, expectant musi followed. Something was going to happen; every one was sure of it. And it did.

Charlie Floyd, resplendent in a suit of red cambric, with a yellow sash, entered the ring from a side door and saluted the audience. At his side pranked Trixy, a scarlet ribbon around his neck, his bright eyes dancing and the sweetest of swiles upon his face.

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How the audience applauded! How Trixy enjoyed it. At a motion from the silver baton that Charlie carried, the little dog became "dead," sat on his hind feet and "spoke." Then at a sign from Charlie he mounted a step ladder that had been brought in, and jumped from the top of it through a paper hoop, on to another ladder, some twelve feet distant. How those people applauded! How

How those people applauded! How Trixy smiled. "As good as a circus," said some one. "Better," said another. Trixy repeated this performance twice; then the ladders were removed, Charlie

went out through the side door, and the little dog sat down in the middle of the ring, regarding the audience with such

ring, regarding the andience with Such a pleasnt face that every one fell quite in love with him.

Presently from behind the side door, the low, mellow notes of a harmonica were heard playing a pretty waltz tune. Trixy pricked up his ears and listened; then slowly he rose, stood on his hind feet and began to waltz—not only once but twice or three times around the ring. but twice or three times around the ring. The audience cheered and cheered, and as he made a final turn through the side door Neva caught him in her arms and

door Neva caught him in her arms and hugged him.

A few moments later, Master Charles Floyd and Miss Geneva Floyd were notified that their dog Trixy had been decided to possess all the qualifications necessary to entitle him to the prize so kindly offered by Squire Hayes. A few weeks later, Trixy came out in a fine new silver collar, with his name engraved upon it.

upon it.

The little dog was now called so many pet names and shown so many attentions that he became quite embarassed. tentions that he became quite embarassed. Mrs. Floyd even went so far as to prepare several special dishes to tempt his appetite. The children regarded him as a treasure beyond price, and every one in the neighborhood became interested in him. That is, every one except Mr. Floyd, who purposely absented himself from the circus on the plea that he had no time for such nonsense, and who made it a point to treat Trixy with complete indifference, except on occasions when the point to treat Trixy with complete indif-ference, except on occasions when the little dog tried to be friendly; then he was instructed, sharply, to "get out" which he promptly did. The spring was rapidly advancing and Mr. Floyd had nothing to do but work.

(Continued in the May issue.)

#### Tangle Town.

CONDUCTED BY LESLIE REES.

(Solutions and original puzzles solicited from all readers of this paper. Name, address and nom de plume, if one is used, should be appended to each communication. Write on one side of the paper only and address everything pertaining to this department to the editor: Leslie Rees, 1227 15th St., Denver, Colo.)

No. 1, Hidden United States Cities-I.

They tied a can to Rover's tail,
Tho' with the lads I vainly pled—

Then turned him loose and down the street He gave a yelp as on he fled.

The doctor said, "the child is ill"— How very ill they little guessed "But be assured I will do all I can, to nature leave the rest."

III.

She's turned me down, my hopes are dead, My head is dull, my heart is sore And yet I fear I love her still, That her I ever shall adore.

The storm approached—the captain walked Across the deck with anxious face; he pilot grasped the helm—I ran The sheets into their proper place

No. 2, Word Pyramid.

- 1. A letter found in "puzzle."
  2. To strike.
  3. Rate or quota.

- 3. Rate or quota.
  4. Pertaining to the west.

- 1. A letter found in "western."
- 2. A musical syllable.
  3. A form of have.
  4. A famous F. A famous Englishman. An even score.

- 5. An even score.6. Either.7. A letter found in "western."

No. 3, Reversal-

Here is part of a bureau Or of a desk for clerks, Again it is a waiter Who in a taproom works.

Reversed, 'tis compensation Or punishment we see, For doing good or evil Whichever it may be.

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No. 5, Charade-

Whene're my lad is bought a toy, He fairly first in france oy; He is so gay—a pleasant sight— My heart is filled with rich delight.

The last you view in coat of green, Tho' some boys are so pesky mean That sticks will throw, delighting so To lay the little creature low.

Adown the road, I often meet A group of lads that play complete; And if you ask, they will exclaim That it is just a jolly game.

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7. What women wear.
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pale red color with a Of orange they select, at-

Sweet smelling violets like—— Dear Marguerite are sure to——

Such gloomy, ill-foreboding—Within the captive's azured——

If occupied with work, he'll—For you to call some other—.

But being very tired,-She took a short sleep on the-

The speeding cyclers, young and——Then came together with a ——.

No. 8, Word Square.

- 1. What the sun gives.
- 2. One who idles
- To move smoothly. A thicket.
- Grow in a forest.

No. 9, Enigma.

You take "a form" that's perfect, A model it appears; You take away a thousand, Your form is bent with years.

You take away but fifty, Remainder backward reads:— "To carry out in action As duties, works and deeds."

You take away five hundred, Then nothing there remains; And yet you have a "a circle Or oval" for your pains.

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will not tear off. The regular "league" ball is three inches as shown in the initial, has for a center one ounce of rubber, as of yarn over that about half an ounce of string; over that two pieces of horsehide sewed with waxed thread. The whole weighing five ounces. The reader may make balls any size they like, may use as much yarn and as much string as they please, and use any leather for covering. A piece of rubber the size of a hickory nut is a good size to start with. If it cannot be had in one piece stick several together with glue or shellac and let them dry.

When the rubber ball is ready for the center, wind it with yarn until it is the size wanted when finished, then take common string and wind until the yarn is covered with a thickness of string then with a darning needle sew the loose end of the string through the ball in every direction to preyent it unwinding.

string then with a darning needle sew the loose end of the string through the ball in every direction to prevent it unwinding, if the cover should be knocked off. The bail is now ready for its cover. Take a piece of paper long enough to go round the ball with a little to spare as shown in drawing number I and as broad as the ball is thick; mark it as shown at X on number I, and cut it off as shown by line AB on number 2, where the pencil mark is. Fold the paper as shown in number 3, and again in number 4, the dotted lines showing the folds. Now fold as shown in number 6 and cut along the fold EF. Fold the cut off part as shown in number 7, fold the long piece as shown in number 8, and again like number 9, and after slipping the short piece over 12. The folded edge, as shown, cut along line GH when opened up it should be like one of the twin shapes shown in number 10. Two pieces of leather about the thickness of shoe or boot tops should be cut like this and allowed to soak over nightin water.



over nightin water. If pieces large enough to cut the patterns from can-not be had, smaller pieces can be joined by sewing them together with waxed thread or string er II. When the

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ed thread or string as shown in number II. When the covers are soaked thoroughly place the two pieces together as shown at Y in number IO and sew them as shown in number II, leaving the start until the ball is all sewed in then start at the beginning and tighten them. The cover when sewed while still wet, should be a little loose but when put away to dry it shrinks and becomes tight and the ball is hard. When the ball gets dry it is ready to use. it is ready to use.



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ever assayed the making of slippers knows how limited are the styles from which to choose, knows how frequently one is selected and made over and over again, until the entire family wearies of its presence upon the feet of each.

The use of the knitted popcorn stitch for a slipper is new, but the charm of the finished article does not lie entirely in its novelty. The little knobs of the stitch are wonderfully effective when used in this way; and the stitch is so easy to make and the shaping of the slipper is so simple, that any novice may undertake it without hesitation. Above the slipper, edging the top, is a crocheted flounce, with full, ruchelike effect. Just below it ribbons are drawn, tying in large bows at the front.

A simple knit slipper, like that in popcorn stitch, is made of four fold zephyr Germantown, but it is done on really fine needles, so that the work is as close and tight as may be. For this slipper a narrow strip is knit, and in the strip a set pattern in some other color introduced. There is an effective turnover top and, especially when developed in delicate colorings, a whole that is worthy to grace the daintiest of dainty feet.

A slipper intensely practical is made in garter stitch, but unlike that just described, it is shaped in the method employed for long years. Up the front runstwo rows of openwork knitting, and

cribed, it is shaped in the method employed for long years. Up the front runs two rows of openwork knitting, and around the top is a third row. Through them ribbon is run, lacing the front as with a shoe, and tying in bows at the top.

A knit shoe suitable for a man is made of four fold zephyr Germantown in a rich cardinal and a light pearl grey. The lower part of the shoe is mainly of the cardinal wool, with alternating blocks of grey and cardinal between bands of the latter. Occasionally there is a grey band, giving a well defined striped effect quite unusual to the ordinary slipper.' The top is oftenest of the ary slipper. The top is oftenest of the grey yarn, in ribbing, open at the front and finished with eyelet holes at each side, for lacing with red silk cord.

side, for lacing with red silk cord.

It will be seen at once how different from all other models it is, and in the opinion of all who have seen it, it is quite the prettiest and most practical of all knitted shoes.

A crocheted slipper, ridiculously simple, is made of eight fold zephyr Germantown wool in cream white and a pale shade of water green. The slipper



Slippers in Knitted Popcorn Stitch

stitch is used in working it, but the rows run round just, above the sole and are made of the green wool. Above that are the usual rows, up and down, but worked without a rib; two in cream white, then two in green, and so on throughout the slipper. There is a ruching of cream white shetland floss around the top, and below it a cord tied in a bow, with ball ends, at the front. Among models not so new as those mentioned, there are quite a number which are lovely enough to suit the most fastidious tastes. Among them is the ermine topped slipper and when it is developed in eight fold zeplyr Germantown on No. 12 or 14 steel knitting needles, it is a most practical and satisfactory design for a man's slipper. Two colors are used in its development and it is a splendid idea to use the colors of a colors are used in its development and it is a splendid idea to use the colors of a man's house coat or dressing jacket, which are usually two shades of the same color—tan and brown, light blue and dark blue, and similar combinations.

In the ermine topped slippers the darker shade is used as the clief color tone, the main portion of the slipper being made of it, with dots of the lighter shade introduced at regular intervals. Beneath these dots, on the wrong side of the work, one finds loops of the light wool, providing a lining at once soft and warm. The top of the slipper is furnished with a turnover, giving the slipper its name, because it is frequently knit of cream white wool with embroidered dashes of black, to resemble ermine. It adds to the excellent effect, too, if black velvet bows are placed at the toe. That, however, is a matter of choice. In the ermine topped slippers the however, is a matter of choice.



Crocheted Slippers in Green and White

Equally to be commended as a most Equally to be commended as a most satisfactory model is a Polish boot knitted of four fold zephyr Germantown on four rather fine steel knitting needles so that the work is close as may be. The lower portion of the boot, just above the sole, is made in a fine dice pattern, and higher up simple ribbing is used, made rather loosely toward the top, so that it may be turned down to form a rather low shoe if desired, or worn high, as preferred. desired, or worn high, as preferred.

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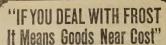
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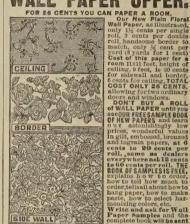
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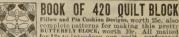
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Pattern No. 4914.

#### Of Cotton Taffeta.

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Theseason is one of so many pretty and inexpensive materials that it is difficult to pronounce one more attractive than the other, but shepherd's check is a noticeable favorite and is peculiarly effective in the veiling that will be so much worn the season through. The waist illustrated shows the material in pale blue and white worn with tie and belt of blue silk but the check is to be found in a variety of colors while the model also is adapted to the entire range of seasonable fabrics and would be equally effective in plain colors or any other material which allows the use of ling. The waist is made with a fitted foundation and is shirred at the shoulders and again to form cuffs, above which the sleeves are full. The quantity of material required for the medium size is 4½ yards 21, 3½ yards 27 or 2½ yards 44 inches wide. The pattern 4914 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34,36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.

Girl's Guimme Costume 4971.

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Guimpe dresses are always attractive worn by roung girls and are among the smartest of all he season's models. This one is made in an enirely novel manner with a dress that combines plaited skirtlwith a waist that gives a chemistic effect, and is held by ornamental straps. In he case of the model the material is bright wool laid, trimmed with plain color edged with black and combined with a guimpe of Persian awn, but possibly variations are almost without number. Plaids and checks make a feature of he season; but plain colors sever were more at-ractive and the design is suited to washable fabics as well as to those of wool.

The costume consists of the dress and the guimpe. The guimpe is tucked to form a yoke, the tucks supplying becoming fulness below the stitchings, and includes full sleeves gathered into straight cuffs. The dress consists of waist and skirt, the waist being fitted by means of shoulder and under arm seams, and held in place by the straps. The skirt is in one piece, laid in backward turning

4971 Girl's Guimpe Costume, 6 to 12 yrs



Square yoke effects are much in vogue for young girls as well as for their elders, and are exceedingly attractive. This very pretty little frock combines dark red cashmere with tea colored lace and iseminently stylish, but all materials in vogue for young girls gowns are appropriate, and the trimming can be any contrasting material that may be preferred. Lace is always desirable for the more dressy frocks, but tucked taffeta and various other simpler things are in vogue for those of every day wear. The skirt is an exceptionally good one and is tucked to give a triple effect.

The costume consists of the waist and skirt. The waist is made with front and backs and is arranged over a fitted lining, the closing being made invisibly at the centre back. The sleeves are box plaited at the shoulders but plain at the wrists, the trimming straps extending over their upper edges as well as over the shoulder seams. The skirt is circular, finished with a hem and laid in two wide tucks.

The quantity of material required for the medium of the prediction.

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4910 Girl's Dress, 8 to 14 yrs.

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The pattern 4910 is cut in sizes for girls of 8, 10, 12 and 14 years of age.

#### Girl's Shirred Dress 4968.

es wide with % yard of all-over lace for collars and cuffs and 2 yards of lace for frills to make as illustrated The pattern 4988 is cut in sizes for girls of 8, 10, 12 and 14 years of age.

4968 Girl's Shirred Dress, 8 to 14 yrs.



Dress, 8 to 14 yrs.

Suspender costumes in all their variations are greatly in vogue and are exceedingly becoming to young girls. This one includes also a sltaped bethat which gives the broad shoulder line that a made of bright plaid of bright plaid of bright plaid tribmon and worn over a guimpe of white Jawn. The model, however, is appropriate for all seasonable materials, and the guimpe can be made of white washable material or of plain colored flamed as may be preferred.

The costume consists of the guimpe and dress. The guimpe is made with front and backs, which are joined one to the other, then to the skirt.

8 to 14 years. suspenders and the bertha, which are joined one to the other, then to the skirt.

The pattern 4903 is cut in sizes for girls of 8, 10, 12 and 14 years of age.

#### Child's Round Yoke Dress 4947

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Simple little frocks that fall in unbroken lines from a generous yoke are exceedingly becoming to small folk, and are always in style. This one includes an attractive bertha and sleeves that are full both at the shoulders and wrists in bishop style. As illustrated the material is Persian lawn with the yoke of inserted tucking.

The dress is cut in one portion and is gathered at its upper edge and attached to the yoke, the joining being concealed by the berthat frill simply gathered at its upper edge. The sleeves are in one piece each finish ed by the wrist-bands, and at the neck is a narrow standing collar.

The quantity of material re. 6 mos. to 4 yrs. quired for a girl of two years of age is 3½ yards 37 or 2½ yards 38 inches wide, with ½ yards of tucking and 1 yard of edging.

The pattern 3947 is cut in sizes for children of 6 months, 1, 2 and 4 years.

#### Child's Apron 4944



4944 (hild's Apron, 2 to 8 yrs. seams which confines the fullness of the back. The quantity of material required for a girl of six years of age is 24 yards 27 or 2 yards 36 inches wide.

The pattern 4944 is cut in sizes for children 2, 4, 6 and 8 years of age.



Pattern No. 4925.

#### Of Pale Blue Pongee.

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Pongee has come to take as many colors as silk and is eminently attractive and smart. This very charming waist shows it in pale blue trimmed with little fancy buttons and is well suited to the spring and to cool days during the sumer months. The gauntiet cuffs are peculiarly smart and the slashed front gives the effect of a waistcoat while in reality it is in one with the waist, but this last feature can be left plain if better liked. The model also is well adapted to all seasonable waistings, being particularly attractive for the shirt waist dress of foulard, checked silks, vellings and the like. The quantity of material required for the medium sixe is 4½ yards 21, 4½ yards 27 or 2½ yards 44 inches wide. The pattern 4925 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inch bust measure.

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The skins of new potatoes can be removed more quickly with a stiff vegetable-brush than by scraping.

Clean painted woodwork with a strong solution of sal soda water, wiping it quickly with a soft cloth.

Dash your windows with amonia, hot water, and a sponge, and be sure to dry them with old newspapers.

A lump of guin camphor placed in the clothes-press or closet, will keep the

A tump of gult camphor piaced in the clothes-press or closet, will keep the steel ornaments from tarnishing.

Always use double boilers when cooking custards or cereals, both of which

burn easily.

If the eyes seem tired and swollen, try bathing them in tepid water to which has been added a little boracic acid.

Cover the cook books with thin white oilcloth, stitched smoothly in place. This will prevent them becoming soiled and greasy

Stains on muslin made by sewing machine oil can be removed with liquid ammonia if it is applied before the garment has gone to the wash.

Porch or floor cushions are better stuffed with fine excelsior than with feathers. They yield less and keep their shape better.

When making an omelet if the yolks and whites are first beaten separately, the omelet will not fall as soon as it is removed from the fire.

removed from the fire.

Breadths of matting may be sewed together like carpet instead of fastening them down with stapels, in the more common way. 'Use a loose stitch of ordinary carpet thread.

For greasing cake tins, moulds or waffle irons, a small camel's hair brush is a great improvement over the small piece of cloth so often used for the purpose. A brush is neater and is always at hand at hand.

Toast can be made over a gas stove without scorching and blackening by putting over the gas burner a thin piece of sheet iron or tin. This will be hot in a few moments, and the bread should be held over it in an iron toaster.

#### An Invaluable Recipe.

When a reader of the household in The Manchester Weekly Farmer wrote asking for this invaluable little recipe I

asking for this invaluable little recipe I was glad to be able to give it to them so all the mothers and wives could see it. I have used this cleansing paste for years to remove grease spots, shiny collars, coats, vests, cashmere gowns, etc., and it is easily made at home and 'can be kept for years. The way is this: Fill a quart tin can nearly full of hot rain water, then add a tablespoonful of pearline and dissolve it well, rubbing with the bowl of a spoon, then put on the stove and boil it two minutes. Pour it into a small jar or a large mouthedthe stove and boil it two minutes. Pour it into a small jar or a large mouthed-bottle. It forms a thick paste or jelly but you can reduce it when necessary by pouring more hot water in it. Use a damp cloth for cleaning coat collars and children's clothes. It removes grease spots and all kinds of soil and is a great help in a large family when economy less to be precised. has to be practiced

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#### Washing Lace.

To wash lace so that it will look like To wash lace so that it will look like new, put in a glass fruit jar filled with not soap suds and a little ammonia. Shake the jar from time to time, letting the lace stay about twelve hours. If very the lace stay about twelve hours. If very much soiled the water should be changed once. At the end of that time rinse in clear water by shaking it in the jar well, and then dry entirely by patting and

slapping between the palms of the hands; at first between the folds of a towel to absorb the excess of moisture. Do not touch it with an iron, and when dry (which it becomes more rapidly than one would think) it will be found perfectly smooth and free from wrightles. Narrow would think) It will be found perfectly smooth and free from wrinkles. Narrow and wide, fine and heavy laces can be so laundered, and it is an excellent way to do the little lace protection collars and lace bordered handkerchiefs, pressing the litera of terrograd, with an iron. linen afterwards with an iron.

#### For Wash Goods.

For wash goods a short list of stains with their "antidotes" runs as follows: Fresh tea stains, cold water and soap. If old and osbstinate, soak first in cold water, squeeze dry, rub with the yolk of an egg and glycerine then wash with simple pure soap and lukewarm water. Fresh coffee stains come out with cold water. Old ones that have been boiled in need the same treatment as old tea. Fresh coffee stains come out with cold water. Old ones that have been boiled in need the same treatment as old tea stains, followed by a good bleaching on the grass. For orange or lemon stains try diluted ammonia. Tar or fresh paint will yield to kerosene or the article may be soaked in buttermilk then rinsed in soapy water. For paint on colored cottons, rub kitchen soap thoroughly on the spot, then soak in cold water over night, when the paint will pull off, leaving no stain or injury to the fabric. An iodine stain comes out if the fabric is soaked in sweet milk, with occasional rubbing of the spot. For blood stains nothing is better than cold soap suds, to which kerosene has been added. Machine oil or vaseline come out easily when washed with soap and cold water. For chocolate or cocoa, soap thickry and rinse in warm water. To remove scorch, dip in soapsuds and spread in the hot sunshine. It may take days, but it will yield at last.

#### A New Use For Chalk.

A friend, who is her own maid-of-allwork, has found a way to make her table-cloth do service for a little longer time, cloth do service for a little longer time, even after numerous spots disfigure its snowy whiteness. She rubs a piece of chalk over the spots as they appear. This has a magical effect, and completely conceals them from view. If the spots are of grease, the chalk has a tendency to absorb it, instead of simply concealing it, so that when the cloth at last goes into the wash tub, it is often impossible to find the spot, the chalk having entirely effaced it.—H. M. R.

#### Lemon Marmalade.

Slice twelve good lemons and remove Since twerve good remora an interest the pips; lay the sliced fruit for twelve hours, or till the next morning, in six or seven quarts of water, and boil this hours, or till the next morning, in six or seven quarts of water, and boil this all gently together for two hours, and again let it stand till next day. Then weigh it, add an equal weight of sugar for each pound of pulp, and boil all together till clear and beginning to set, when it should be potted and tied down at once while hot.

#### Worth Knowing.

Our next door neighbor is a painter. Our next door neighbor is a painter. When a pail or keg gets so thickly coated with paint that it is unsightly and heavy to handle, he sets it out in the yard, takes a wad of paper, sets fire to it and puts it in. When the paper has burned up, with a putty knife he quickly scrapes the paint away both outside and in. the paint away, both outside and having almost as clean a vessel as a No matter how hard and dry the paint is, the heat softens it. If he is not quick enough to get it all out before it gets cold, another dose of the "fire treatment" is easily given to finish it up.

-Hale Cook.

#### Red Cabbage Pickle.

Shred the cabbage quite fine, then put it in layers, well sprinkled with sugar and a little salt, in a stone jar and cover with the following prepared vinegar:

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one small teaspoon cayenne, one small teaspoon salt, two large teaspoons horse radish. Wet with some cold vinegar; put into a square of cheese-cloth and tie it tight. Drop into the vinegar and boil five minutes slowly. When this is cold pour it over the cabbage, put the little bag of spices in, and in a day or so it is ready to use. A small piece of saltpeter added will preserve the color, and a good sized piece of horse radish root may be put in, if desired. If not as fiery as liked, add a red bell pepper, chopped fine. one small teaspoon cayenne, one small

#### Keeping Fruit Beyond Season.

The Pacific Farmer tells of a lady who surprised her friends during the holidays by serving watermelons, muskmelons, plums and grapes as fresh as when they were gathered. Asked to tell the secret she, replied: "It is the simplest thing in the world; any one can preserve fresh fruits in the same way. The melons I first dip in a wax. After this I coat them with a thick coat of shellac and bury them in a box of sawdust to keep them from rubbing and from freezing. The grapes are coated in the wax only, but plums and other fruits are coated with the wax and then with the shellac. All are carefully packed in sawdust." are carefully packed in sawdust.'

#### Contributed Recipes.

Creamed Vegetables.—We like all the young green vegetables—asparagus, peas, wax and string beans, turnips, carrots, parsnips and cabbage creamed at our house. For this, of course, the asparagus and beans should be cut into inch pieces, and the turnips, carrots and pressure. and beans should be cut into inch pieces, and the turnips, carrots and parsnips sliced, say, half an inch thick, then cut into dice and the cabbage chopped. Cook until tender in as little salt water as possible without scorching, then add what milk is needed for a dressing, with cream or butter and a little more salt, perhaps. Some like just enough thickening of cornstarch or flour to make the dressing like cream—but not at all thick like gravy. Where cream can be had in plenty use only that for the dressing, seasoned to taste.—Aunt Hannah.

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Set out some fruit trees, unless you are now well supplied.

Make room for a strawberry bed this season. Mr. Morse tells, when and what to plant. Read "In the Garden."

Resovle to have all the fresh vegetables you can use this year. Keep account with the garden and see how many dollars worth you get out of it, to say nothing of the luxury of having vegetables which are really fresh and crisp. If your lawn is not smooth and well sodded, spend a little time on it with roller, rake and spade if necessary; then start in early with tthe lawn mower. It is a pleasing feature of country life that so many homes now have an attractive, well kept front yard; don't let the others

so many homes now have an attractive, well kept front yard; don't let the others get the start of you.

Mr. Man-of-the-house, if your wife hasn't a suitable place to plant her flowers, don't you think you can spare a couple of wheelbarrow loads of fine manure and an hour with the spade to help her out? If you will do it you will be gald of it all summer on account of the fragrant flowers which you will find on the table at meal time and throughout he house. he house.

on the table at meal time and throughout he house.

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subject.

In the May issue we will publish a list of the prize winners in our late word-building contest. This was a very interesting contest and was educational as well as amusing.

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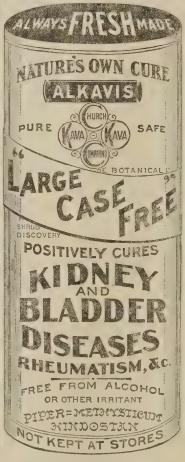
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In your nest—mother's breast,
Silk-soft for birdikin—
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Hosh oh, my birdikin!
Sleep away another day.
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Creep close lambikin.
Nestle, hide by mother's side
Till up springs for lambikin
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Hush oh, my lambikin,
Safe in fold from the cold
Till south wind for lambikin
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Hush-oh! baby-kin!

Mother's joy, father's boy!
Pearl of price is babykin—
And winds are keen!
Dream sweet, my babykin
Golden head in cozy bed.
Over sleepy babykin
Bright angels lean.
—Contributed by M. S. Dorr, Buffalo, N. Y.

The contributions keep pouring in and

The contributions keep pouring in and contain some surprising proofs of musical and poetical talent among Vick readers. The men can write sweet lullaby songs, sisters, as I have ample proof.

Most pleasing to me is the response from the grandmothers. Some have sent old favorites and others have written original verses of merit. I am very much pleased but not surprised. What could more nearly touch all hearts than the memory of a fond mother's lullaby?

#### The Young Mother.

The Young Mother.

The small details count in caring for the "bottle" or artificially fed babies. Busy mothers who nurse their infants simply must "take time" for this mission in the midst of everything and if such will wisely accept this as an opportunity to relax and rest as careful physicians agree, there will be a happy cuddling time as mother lies down with baby on her arm and forgets all the worries for his dear sake while she caresses the downy head. All this is denied the mother whose substitute is a bottle, however well prepared. She steals away to her cares while baby sleepily sucks and 'tis to such I would address a word of advice. Unless you hold the infant while 'tis to such I would address a word of advice. Unless you hold the infant while feeding you need some method to insure the safe holding of the bottle; otherwise as sleep overcomes him the babe will allow the bottle to drop beside him ere wholly finished and in warm weather the body's heat will sour the food (if you forget to remove bottle) or during this time he may seek for it and again resume feeding. Infants have been known to die in one hour after such a fatal mistake!

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gested as a substitute for the tender clasp of a mother's arms will prove both safe and economical as all experienced mothers will believe. The item of broken bottles alone is a point worth consideration.

There are nipples and nipples but some have particular virtues. In nursing bottles I recommend either the Hygeia Rubber Bottle or the ''Best'' Nurser, as postles I recommend either the Hygeia Rubber Bottle or the 'Best'' Nurser, as possessing points of cleanliness and comfort utterly omitted in other brands. I earnestly advise you to buy a food thermometer and a bottle brush and on no account to leave either bottle or nipple uncared for between meals. Use borax bountifully. Keep the bottle full of borax water and drop the nipples into a cupful of same, beside brushing the inside of each. Prepare the food twice daily in hot weather and keep it cool in a well sealed glass can. Scald every dish used and never cook any other food in the saucepan used for baby's dinner. Be critical as to quality of milk and if obliged by dire necessity rather than use poor milk use the best brand of condensed milk or cream.

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#### Health Hints.

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—Shower with cold water for two hours; if the patient does not show signs of life, put salt in the water, and continue to shower an hour longer.

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chanced to think of my corn, and looked to see how it was coming on. I found the proper number of toes but could not have told that there had ever been any corn on either of them; nor can I to this day.—R. C. Rogers, in Weekly Witness.

A chiropodist of large experience says that in so far as his studies had led him to note the causes of corns, he believed in the greater liability of some persons to develop corns compared with others. He was also of opinion that where corns showed a tendency to appear, the bathing of the feet in a solution of alum and water, or in salt water had a preventive water, or in salt water had a preventive

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#### A Few Household Hints.

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To make clary day aprons for little ones, use flour sacks. I make them after a square yoke mother hubbard pattern and a princess also. Then after they are finished, I color them turkey red. They wear a long time and keep the color well. Red always looks nice on children. As I have two little ones aged two years and one year, I must make the minutes count on wash day, and so here is my plan for all day from 5 o'clock A. M. till 8:30 o'clock P. M. The night before I set my bread. In the morning the two fires are built then I dress myself and babies, (for they are early risers and M. Ill 8:30 o'clock F. M. Intening the two fires are built then I dress myself and babies, (for they are early risers and always have been), get breakfast ready and while we eat I have a boiler full of water on the stove with a bar of soap shaved into it, getting hot; after breakfast I put all of the white clothes into the tub, with the dirtiest in the bottom and so on till the whitest ones lay on top, then pour on top of them three pailfuls of the water from the boiler and fill the boiler up again with cleansed or soft water from the barrel. Then I mix down the bread and set it to rise, while I wash the dishes, make the beds and sweep the floors. Then I wring out the clothes and put them in the machine and pour in the boilerful of boiling water and put on more water and a little soap to boil the clothes in. I then wash one machineful after the other and boil all of the white ones and after rinsing them in two waters, hang them out. Then I wash the colored clothes in the sudsing water and rinse them in the rinsing water and through another and then I'm through washing and its eleven o'clock. After getting dinner on to cook I hang out the colored clothes and empty the wash water and wash the boiler, machine, tub and washboard and wipe up the slops on the floor. Then I mix down my bread for the first time. After dinner is eaten and the babies rocked to sleep I do the dishes, mix my bread in loaves and set it away to rise for the last time. Then put on the flatirons and bring in all the clothes that are dry and iron all I can. By five my bread is baked and I prepare supper for six o'clock. After supper work is over I wash the babies like wise By five my bread is baked and I prepare supper for six o'clock. After supper work is over I wash the babies like wise the dishes and sweep and then put the babies in bed and read a story out loud to 'the best man that ever lived,' and then I go to bed at 8:30 and wish that Vick's Family Magazine came every week instead of every month.

I wonder how many of those women who spend their time at whist parties, clubs, etc., could put in a day like this.—Editor.

#### To Kill Scale.

I will tell you my way of killing scale on oleanders, orange and lemon trees. I have used the following and find it excellent. Take coaloid two parts, sour milk one part. Mix well and to one part of this add ten parts water. Apply with a soft cotton cloth, rubbing the scales off well. A frequent application of this mixture will keep them free from lice

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way.

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#### To Cure Bee Stings.

ALLEINE LANGFORD.

That "like cures like" is fully demonstrated by the fact that one of the best cures for bee stings is honey. As soon as possible after being stung remove the stinger which the bee usually leave and cover the afflicted part with honey, either in the comb or extracted. If used soon enough it is as far as, I have known,

soon enough it is as far as, I have known, a sure cure.

I have an acquaintance who was so badly stung that his arms, face and head and even feet, for he had low shoes on at the time, were literally one immense sting. The honey was applied and the following day he felt no ill effects whatever except a slight weariness.

#### For Rough Hands.

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ing.

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#### Oatmeal Cookies.

MRS, A. H. MACE.

I enjoy very much indeed Vick's Monthly Magazine, especially the page of "Good Ideas." I know the way to get such ideas is for your readers to exchange what ever they have that is good. Wishing to help a little I send a recipe for Oatmeal Cookies that are crisp

and delicious.

2 eggs, 1½ cups sugar, 1 cup shortening—half butter and half lard, 3 tablespoons sweet milk, ½ teaspoon soda, 2 teaspoons baking powder, salt, vanilla, 3 cups white flour and 2 cups AA Scotch

#### Cakes and Cookies.

MRS. W. M.

SUNSHINE CAKE-Three eggs, beaten SUNSHINE CARE—Inree eggs, beaten separately; one cup granulated sugar; one cup sifted flour with one teaspoon baking powder; juice of one half lemon; four tablespoons ice cold water; bake thirty or thirty-five minutes in a rather slow oven.

well. A frequent application of this mixture will keep them free from lice and scale.

This may be a good idea and help someone kill the scale which if left might kill the plant.

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#### COOKIES.

No. 1. One cup of butter, one cup of sugar, three eggs all beaten together to a cream; use just enough flour to mix and roll thin.

and roll thin.

No. 2. One cup butter; one and one half cups sngar; one half cup sour milk; one level teaspoon of soda; one teaspoon grated nutneg; flour enough to roll into soft dough; dip the tops of the cookies in sugar after they are cut. Place in buttered tins and bake to a light brown to a quick oven.





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NOTE -Those of our readers who have perplexing questions to ask are invited Address Family Physician, care of Vick's Family Magazi

G. L. A., says—I am a grocer. My feet and limbs trouble me a great deal, especially in the latter part of the day. Some days it seems as though I could not stand. Sharp, shooting pains in feet and ankles. The pains run up the backs of my legs, at times as far as my knees. In stepping I turn my toes out and my gait is painfully awkward. A physician has told me I have rheumatism, but fails to relieve me.

We are having so much pneumonia here in New York my husband is alarmed about it. Why do you think it is so much more prevalent this winter and last and low can it be availed?

No wonder, for you have flat foot, or splay foot; the arch of the instep is broken and all your pains are due to it. You should see an orthopoedic surgeon if possible and follow his directions. Such cases are sometimes hard to cure. The trouble may be due to an accidental injury, but is usually due to hard sidewalks and floors and ill fitting shoes. High heels are injurious but are not the cause of flat foot. In nature the foot—bare—seldom if ever breaks down; but with the foot encased in boots or shoes tightly buttoned over the instep, there is constant pressure on the arch or instep constant pressure on the arch or instep downwards. To this is added a prying downwards. To this is added a prying force as you tip forward on the toes. The injury from this motion is greater if the lacing is loose at the junction of foot and ankle, thus allowing the heel to be and ankle, thus allowing the heel to be raised a little in the shoe. To offset this down pressure, the shanks; of the shoe—the part under the instep—should be built up so as to support the instep. Good shoes are made with steer shanks; often they are not high enough often not strong enough and so give way. Have a good cobbler make you some insoles thick enough at the shank to support the instep—thicker on the inside than on the outside. Have your shoes snug at the ball, loose over instep and snug next to the ankle, so as to allow noplay at the heel.

Vick's Family Physician, Colo., Feb. 9th, 1905. Dear Sir: Vick's Family Physician.

Dear Sir:

Laye indigestion and dizzy head;
can you tell me anything that will help me; kave
been in poor health for some time; am all run down;
poor, weak and nervous; am almost down now.
Took this spell yesterday morning about five
o'clock, my head gets dizzy and just whirls around:

—I can hardly describe it; it only lasts a few
seconds; if it lasted longer it would kill me; it
makes me sick at my stomach. I have been troubled with Diarrhoea lately and the doctor said it was
caused by indigestion and it would do no good to
use drugs; said to use a syringe. I get weaker all
the time; is there no help on my left side much, have
always been troubled with billiousness and constipation; have the toothache a great deal; have three
hollow teeth, I am a farmer and have always
worked hard; am a poor man with a wife and four
little children to support; as it is nearly spring I am
anxious to get well for I will not be able to keepup
much longer. I enclose stamp for private letter;
will you please answer it at once and oblige,

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J. G., Colo.

Dear Sir:—Your trouble is indigestion; all your symptoms are due to it. In the winter you probably eat too heartily, as you do not get as much exercise. I presume you also eat too fast and owing to bad teeth do not chew your food long enough. No food will digest if not properly chewed. The food then ferments in the stomach, forms gas which presses against the heart and disturbs it. Toxines are formed which get into the blood and make you sick, weak and dizzy; they also irritate the bowels, heat and dry them and you are constipated; then nature tries to empty them and you get diarrhoea. Acids also are formed which get into the blood and make the teeth ache. When you have these attacks stop eating drink hot water and take a few Doucetes. You should eat two or three apples every day when not working much.

Family Physician,
Vick's Family Magazine.

Dear Sir:—

In your last article in March number
you gave directions for making rhubarb syrup;
will you please tell in next number whether root
or stalk should be used, also what do you call pure
water. I have two small children and would be
glad of such a helpful remedy.—D. G. M. Indiana.

Use the best Turkey Rhubarb root sold Use the best Turkey Khidain foot solid by druggists. It is cut in cubes or oblong pieces, though sold occasionally in the solid root, irregularly oval in shape. Some keep the compressed cubes made of the powder and scraps. It is not nearly as good as the solid root, but will do if you cannot get the other. You will know

G. L. S., New York.

I have pondered much on this question myself and the other day as I stood on the rear platform of a car and saw the ladies in getting off the car wipe the nuid off the platform and steps with their long skirts I reflected. It has been more fashionable the past two winters for ladies to wear long street dresses. The mud of the streets, which is gathered up by the skirts, is loaded with pneumo—cocci—the pneumonia germ—as also with germs of diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles and possibly those of spotted fever or epidemic Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis and of still other diseases. Then the skirts are still other diseases. Then the skirts are hung up to dry. When they are taken down again they are given a shake and this scatters the germs in the aia of the this scatters the germs in the aia of the room. These germs to grow require a fruitful soil; this is furnished by the mucus secreted in the inflamed lungs, bronchi and throats of people having colds. Husbands and children come in with a cold and inhale the germ laden air and the planting is done. In a few days a chill, fever and other symptoms of the disease thus planted appear. So that long street skirts may well be credited with many, many fatalities. No woman should appear on the streets with skirts that do not clear the walks; nor skirts that do not clear the walks; nor should she get off cars without lifting the skirts behind to clear the dirty platform and steps. Many woman seem very thoughtless in this matter and their skirts are often a sight to behold.

We are having so much pneumonia here in New York my husband is alarmed about it. Why do you think it is so much more prevalent this winter and last and how can it be avoided? G. L. S., New York.

A. L. E., Mo. says:—Am a farmer. Feel dull and tired all the time. Am very sleepy day times. Have no energy. Dull pain at base of skull behind. Do you believe in spring medicines? Many doctors ridcule the idea, but I feel the need of something.

You are bilious in the old fashioned sense. No one should need spring medicine, because no one should allow himself to get into such shape, but in as much as many do so, the need for spring medicine is abiding and will abide, especially among farming people. Living on hearty food, especially lots of pork, with too little exercise and drinking too little water and too much tea and coffee and eating too little furit the coffee and eating too little fruit, the system becomes clogged with noxious effecte material and nature's sluice ways

effecte material and nature's slutce ways need flushing out, even as do the city's sewers from the winter clogging. If this were done often and thoroughly enough for the human body during the winter there would be little heard of the weariness of the first warm days of Spring, called Spring fever and less need of weariness of the first warm days of Spring, called Spring fever, and less need of Spring medicines. Try this; eat little meat, and plenty of fruit (apples preferred) and vegetables; drink less tea and coffee and lots of water. Spend more time out of doors—walking or laboring. Take a good dose of salts or castor oil or other cathartic twice a week until brain is clear and body is fresh and vigorous. A cold sponge bath every morning and there you have the best Spring medicine in the world, almost without money and without price. So cheap and so easy without price. So cheap and so easy that the chronic patent medicine buyer will not touch it. Try it and be con-

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#### In April Time.

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I recall having sown a hot bed on April 1st. It was late but the winter had been cold and long, and was loth to let go its hold even at that late date. The sowing proved a cold, tedious job, as the day was a mixture of sunshine and howling blizzard. Well in spite of the bad beginning the season was a prosperous one, and all told, my garden venture was one of the most successful in all my experience. So it is always better to begin late than not at all. At this writing, it would be hard to forecast the weather for the beginning of April; but it is pretty safe to predict that there will be "weather;" so it will be good practice to be ready for it, so that in any event we shall keep abreast of the times and not be obliged to bring up the rear. All be obliged to bring up the rear. All things considered, April is the month of

things considered, April is the month of more general planting and sowing of the garden crops at least, than any other of the entire season, the time of course, varying with locality.

Can we hurry the season? In the previous number, we spoke of some of the hardier sorts that would stand considerable cold and even some frost if need be. Now it is possible, and indeed quite easy to hasten to considerable extent some of the more tender sorts. In general, the crucial test with seeds is their germination, and safely past this period, most of the danger of cold soil and weather tonditions will be averted. Especially is this true of sweet corn of which we wrote in the February number. Another adthis true of sweet corn of which we wrote in the February number. Another ad-vantage also, is that the seed thus pre-pared will clearly show at planting time all the infertile grains which can then be discarded, and insure a much more even stand. We also spoke of early potatoes; but before pursuing the subject further let us talk somewhat of,

#### PLANT PROTECTIONS

This subject has been discussed before in these columns; and to those who may recall it, let me say that many, many additions to our circle of readers are being made. So we trust our old friends will be patient while we talk more particularly to the newer ones. Many dewill be patient while we talk more particularly to the newer ones. Many devices for protecting young plants are in vogue; as wooden boxes without top or bottom; glass covered boxes, etc. The cheapest and most convenient that I have found are made from heavy tarred paper. The cost is about \$1.00 per roll but the one roll will make quite a large number of protections.

of protections.

In cutting the paper, let the width of the strip answer for the height of box when completed. The length of the strips must then be three times the desired diameter. For instance, a protector six inches high by eight inches diameter would require a strip six inches wide by about twenty-four in length. Bend the strips round like a band-box, lapping the ends about an inch, with a sharp knife make an incision through both ends of the lap and insert a brass paper fastener and clinch the ends. Two fasteners will be sufficient for each box and they can be procured at almost any of protections stationary store. If covers are desired, which are very convenient for cold stormy weather, square pieces of the same material can be cut an inch or two larger than the diameter of box. They are than the diameter of box. They are cheap, easily made and worth many times their cost each year. But returning to the previous subject, much time can also be gained with the cucumbers and melons, by starting in boxes. I have never had success with planting on pieces of inverted sods as some advise; but prefer to sow the seeds in berry boxes. These plants are very tender at best; and any disturbance of the roots is very liable to check growth to that are

very liable to check growth to that extent that very little if any time will really be made in thus starting them.

| Planted in the boxes they can be easily moved from one position to another and transferring from hot bed to cold frame transferring from hot bed to cold frame is quickly done and that too with no risk whatever. Before the roots begin to reach through into the soil below, it is a good plan to place the boxes on boards so that the roots shall not be broken when the plants are removed to the open ground. Previous to setting the plants, I prefer to soak them thoroughly so that with the aid of a buffe the boxes can be with the aid of a knife the boxes can be removed, and especially so if the weather

For pickles and later table use the For pickles and later table use the cucumbers will not require early planting. June is early enough; but the ground should be made rich to insure rapid growth. Care should be used in picking, and the fruits should never be pulled or wrenched from the vines. A sharp knife or pair of scissors should be used to cut the stems.

used to cut the stems.

We have recently heard of a new remedy for the striped beetles which sometimes work such destruction among the vines. It is said to be entirely effectual and inexpensive and is easily applied. The remedy is simply to place camphor or moth balls around the hills. The number of balls per hill is not stated; but one would perhaps be sufficient. Personally I cannot vouch for the remedy, but nothing preventing, I shall try it this year, and thus know if it is effectual or not.

#### SOME OTHER DUTIES.

The young tomatoes should be trans-The young tomatoes should be transplanted as soon as the second set of leaves appear, or rather, when they are well established. If they were sown in drills, they can all be planted in the same space previously occupied. An inch apart will give sufficient room for a time but later, they should be again transplanted as this gives more stocky growth and better root system.

The egg plants should be started as

The egg plants should be started as early as possible, as they are slow growers at first and require protection until all danger of frost is past. When settled all danger of frost is past. When settled warm weather once comes, they will make rapid growth in the open ground. Much more care is required in transplanting than for tomatoes as they are easily checked in growth and this is detrimental. When nearly ready for setting, it is best to withhold water until the soil is quite dry. Before taking up, soak the ground freely and take as much soil with the plants as possible. If the ground is dry, they will require plenty of water until established and should be thoroughly worked to prevent the ground baking. It is also well to shade the plants at first. The potato beetles are their worst enemy and work destruction plants at lifts. The polato beetles are their worst enemy and work destruction unless carefully watched. There is much of interest in their culture, as not only the plants but blossoms also are really ornamental. Then, too, the fruit nearly as large as one's head, growing on a plant often but little more than a foot in height are of themselves an interesting sight. They are cooked in many very palatable ways and if one has a surplus, the neighbors are usually ready to take them at good prices. Peppers are also rapidly growing in favor with nearly all classes, and are usually a profitable crop. The culture is essentially the same as for the egg plant, except that the potato bugs do not care for them, or at least have never troubled them upon my own grounds, when grown near potatoes or grounds, when grown near potatoes or side by side with the egg plant. For egg plant our choice is Black Beauty; and for peppers New Neapolitan for very early and Chinese Giant for late.

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Peas seem always in demand and these-growth are easily chelled by weeds. The growth are easily choked by weeds. The seed should be sown as early as the ground will work nicely, in drills sixteen

ground will work nicely, in drills sixteen inches apart, and thin according to habit of growth. They should be gathered when in bloom, wilted in the sun and dried in the shade.

By way of encouragement. I sincerely wish that all might rightly estimate the stores of health, wealth and contentment stored up in the garden grounds. There is health not only in the vegetables themselves, but in the growing of them. There is wealth in the saving of living expense and doctor bills; and there is contentment, for it is the safety valve of the overworked office man and the tired and wornout housewife.—John Ellioth wornout housewife .- John Elliott

#### The Vegetable Garden.

Too few of us try to have gardens of our own. In the far West where the farms are so big, there seems to be little or no time to make a garden, in the East the farms are so small every spare spot is utilized in some other way, and in the cities the carden place are not year. in the cities the garden plots are not very large, some of them. However, let us try this year to grow a few things. There are some small things can be grown almost anywhere. Lettuce takes up little room and a row of this can be used and annos any where. Letther taxes the fitted followed by seed again and so be kept in succession for salads all summer. Radishes, too grow on a very small space of ground, and these can follow each other, as the radishes are pulled out a few seeds can be dropped in and so the season be prolonged indefinitely. They need a rich soil and rapid growth to be good. I have many times had them seed and self sow in the garden, but usually those self sown were worthless save for making seed. Last year I had a novel experience. The year before I transplanted some radishes in the rich soil between the asparagus roots, I thought just for a short period of growth they could do no harm, but as it came out, they were not all used and some seeded. The result was that but as it came out, they were not all used and some seeded. The result was that in the asparagus row, radishes came up very thick, and such large and juicy radishes I never saw. In fact I pulled all summer and gave away by the dozens and still there were to spare. I do not know as the asparagus was injured. It grew and produced well. Perhaps I may add, that the asparagus was irrigated from water from the artesian well. This may account for the radishes being so good.

Right here I will speak of summer squash and cucumbers. Summer squash takes up some room but one good clump takes up some room but one good clump will furnish squashes enough for a medium sized family. The squash last summer also the cucumbers were put in a low place. Although both of these are largely made up of water we learned that they did not require as much as one might think. The artesian water was also used in irrigating these, but it was roted that the squashes began to rot noted that the squashes began to rot almost as soon as set and the cucumbers did not thrive very well. Had they been on a little higher ground no doubt they would have grown well.

If one has but a small space, cucum-

or one has but a small space, etterminers may be grown and trained to run on a fence. The small pickling variety or gherkins are much better for pickles but the larger sorts for the table. Select seeds of those that are prolific, for if one has but little room, there is none to space. has but little room, there is none to spare for the very large growing cucumbers that bear but few, and these very large. The medium sorts are better.

Beets, too, take but little room, and these grow so fast that a row of them in even a small garden will produce quite a good many. The short red beet is to be even a small garden will produce quite a good many. The short red beet is to be preferred for table use to the long sorts. Beet seeds are pretty slow to germinate. I like to soak the seed for some hours, and then comparatively dry in by mixing with sand. It is difficult to sow without. I did the same with carrot seed too, and the result was a wonderful supply of both vegetables. Carrots are not grown as much as they should be for the table. They make a most delicate dish table. They make a most delicate dish if properly cooked and can be pulled nearly all summer. Sow pretty thick

can be grown in succession. If the early peas are used, then when they are quite gone pull up the vines and sow again to some quick growing sort. I like the Everbearing pea, this is as its name indirector.

the real states are the space occupied. Need no staking or bushes to grow on and the yield is very prolific. Try a few. Beans need to be attended to when ready to rick as the states are the ready to be attended to when ready to rick as they grow on fail to be attended to when ready to rick as they grow on fail to the grow of the grow of

yield is very prolific. Try a few. Beans need to be attended to when ready to pick as they grow so fast, it does not take long for them to spoil on the vines. Vick's Earliest of All sweet corn is a splendid sort and comes very early. We have had it some ten days earlier than other so-called early kinds.

If the garden spot is small, then choose those things requiring little room, but if large take plenty of seeds and have a good garden. It is wonderful how much, though, a small plot of ground will supply. From some cause last year our garden was only a small plot. Not half the usual space, but from that one small plot watered as before stated we had plenty for the table all summer and fall, besides a few things for the cellar.

One can grow tomatoes in barrels if there is no other way. Put some manure in the bottom of a barrel and then put in plenty of good soil, set a tomato plant in this and put the barrel near the well or where water can be easily put on it. I have heard of such plauts bearing a bushel or more of tomatos. I have

it. I have heard of such plants bearing a bushel or more of tomatos. I have never tried this but I have seen it tried and know it can be done.

and know it can be done.

One thing more. Pieplant is very common and yet many country folks do not have it until long after it comes into the city market. We have known that to put a barrel over it and bank up with manure would bring it on early, but I never knew until last year that the sheltering of it helped it much. I supposed it was the heat from the fertilizer and the richness as well that started the plant into growth. My pieplant was in danger of being eradicated last year, so I had boxes put around it. The roots that had the boxes around grew and produced more than as much again as those did that had none. I think it

that had the boxes around grew and produced more than as much again as those did that had none. I think it was because it was sheltered from the winds and cold, and so took on a rapid growth, being very crisp and tender, and of fine quality.

A very few roots of pieplant will furnish enough for a medium sized family. It does take some room, but it is as ornamental as some so-called ornamental foliage plants, so let it grow and learn the luxury of having fresh pieplant. It is quite different from that sold in the market.

-Rose Seelv Miller

#### A New Bordeaux Formula.

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Mr. T. Greiner, in one of our exchanges describes a new Bordeaux Mixture as follows:

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mechanism of this deflecte organ, with its numerous muscles, nerves, and small arteries and veins?

If so, you must realize how easily its usefulness may become impaired.

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It gives the symptoms of many eye troublos; it tells you how you can cure yourself at home.

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Seeing a halo or circle about a lamplight.

Pain in or about the ever

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I have used the proportions here given (six pounds of copper sulphate to fifty gallons of water), and should think the mixture fully strong enough. It adheres well to the foliage. After an unsually heavy downpour on July 4th, the bluish stains are in full evidence, and appear hardly reduced on the potato-foliage. When spraying potatoes, and melon, cucumber or other vine-plants, arsenate of lead, or the commercial disparene, is added, at the rate of from four to five pounds of disparene to fifty gallons of water. This seems a tremendous dose, but it makes sure work of it. I fear the beetles no more. When the plants are kept coated with the complete mixture, the potato-beetles and their larvae, and the striped cucumberbeetles, etc., have no chance. They may gnaw at the vines for a while, but it is sure death to them. The beetles have died and the vines still live. I have not yet tried this new mixture for grape-vines or trees, but see no reason why it should not give the same satisfactory results on these that it has on potatoes and vineplants—to be used without poison, of course, in the case of grape-vines.''

#### Correspondence.

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M. O. R., Albion, Mich.—"We have received two copies of Vick's Magazine. My wife is especially pleased with it; and I must confess that I had no idea that it was so good a publication." "I am going to avail myself of the opportunity which you offer to ask questions, and inflict upon you a few that you may not feel disposed to answer publicly, and others may not be in your line." "(I) What variety of yellow dent field corn would you recommend for planting, and where can the seed be procured? (2) I wish to sow a half acre of onions, and set out an acre of late cabbage—but

and set out an acre of late cabbage—but one variety in each case. What varieties shall they be, how much seed will be required? It is desired to cultivate with required? It is desired to cultivate with a horse. (3) I am now using the Beder Wood to fertilize the Warfield strawberry. I wish to drop the former and substitute the Senator Dunlap, would that be wise? (4) Is there a better late commercial berry than the Gandy? (5) In case there is not a local demand for the above crops, how would you market them?"

While some of the above questions more properly belong to the garden department, for convenience we anwser them here. Mr. R. is a new member of the Vick family and we are glad to answer his questions as well as those of others. (1) The Early Mastadon is our choice of all the field corns we have grown. (2)



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(3) The Senator Dunlap will perhaps course should be cultivated with a horse.

(3) The Senator Dunlap will perhaps answer well, but I should prefer the Bandywine for fertilizing the later sorts. The Dunlap will probably answer in your case first rate. (4) We believe the Gandy is not a thoroughly reliable sort for all localities and soils, and we think the Sample or Senfoul fertilized with Bandywine would be better. In case of light local demand it would doubtless be best to consign to some thoroughly be best to consign to some thoroughly reliable commission man in some of the larger cities .- John Elliott Morse.

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#### Profits on Small Flocks.

As a rule the largest proportionate profit comes from the small flock. There is a large clear gain on the small flock, because it is simply the difference between the receipts and expenses for food, and with a family the latter is not great, for the statement. for the scraps from the table furnish much of the feed. Ordinarily when the flock consists of only twelve to fifteen head, each individual is known and receives aftention. Diseased birds are ceives attention. Diseased birds are more quickly noticed, while if the flock is large the difficulty of supervising the individual birds is increased.

If we care for the large flock so as make it pay we must figure on cost for labor, but with the small lot we do not look at this, if we did the profits would he materially reduced.

#### Questions and Answers.

Readers are invited to answer the following questions for the May number, also to ask questions to be answered and dis-

Why is a fowl that has no feathers

on its legs better than one that has?

2. Why is a yellow leg and skin the best for a fowl?

3. Why is the dry method of feeding

3. Why is the dry method of feeding chicks the best?

4. What is your best plan and remedy, to keep down the lice and mites?

Questions submitted.—I. What is the best ration and method of feeding to secure eggs that will hatch well? My experience has led me to adopt feeding cracked corn as the principal food, alternate with wheat and oats, all to be fed dry and in such a manner that fowls will have to hustle to get it. If one feeds a have to hustle to get it. If one feeds a mash not more often than twice a week, meat in some form should be added to the mash. Remember that exercise with

meat in some form should be added to the mash. Remember that exercise with rational feeding produces health, vigor and fertile eggs. Hiram P. Kelchon.

I have found the following rations to give good results with breeding stock. Mornings, two days of the week, a full feed of whole grain, principally wheat, used oats, buckwheat and barley. Noons, light feed of mixed grain, all scattered in litter. Evenings, three days of the week, a mash of table scraps, cut clover or alfalfa, and beef scraps mixed, cooked and fed warm, all they will eat up clean. Other nights give cooked corn, fed about four o'clock in litter. The most common method of feeding is to give the mash in the morning, on the theory that the fowls after being on the roosts all night require that the first meal should be one that will be quickly assimilated, and at night a feed that will 'stand by them,' The latter is perhaps the best method in severe cold weather, but I have had as good results one way as the other. The one important thing in feeding is regularity. Have a system, then follow it up. Frequent and radical changes have not been satisfactory with me. A reasonable amount of exercise must be given to insure well fertilized me. A reasonable amount of exercise must be given to insure well fertilized

eggs.
2. Is it best to use an incubator where one only has a few fowls? No, the accessories to an incubator are many. It is

cessories to an incubator are many. It is wise to have several years practical experience with poultry before trying an incubator. Hiram P. Ketchon.

When only non-sitters are kept it is quite necessary to use an incubator, whether the flock is large or small, but if the sitting breeds are kept it is different, yet broody lens are often uncertain. When one wishes to raise say 100 chicks a sixty or 100 egg machine is very desirable. This enables him to get out early chicks and these are the ones that count in the fall for early laying. count in the fall for early laying.

What is the largest number of chicks that should be kept in one brooder? To have best success, from fifty to sixty-five chicks are enough for average size brooder. It don't pay to crowd chicks.

Hiram P. Ketchon.

To be always on the safe side I would asy fifty. The style and size of brooder has much to do with this, but I do not approve of brooder of large capacity. My choice is a seventy-five chick size then put in fifty chicks or a 100 chick size with not more than seventy-five for good results. good results. Subscriber.
4. What breed have you found best

4. What breed have you found best suited for the village and city lot? The American class, as Rocks, Wyandottes, Reds. The white birds show dirt. The Amreican class stand confinement well,

American class stand confinement well, are not nervous, are general purpose kind.

Hiram P. Ketchon.

My experience has been that the Leghorns and Minorcas when closely confined require more careful attention than the larger breeds, from the fact of their being more restless and apt to get into bad habits like egg eating, feather rulling etc. But with good care L have pulling, etc. But with good care I have no choice. Subscriber. no choice.

#### One Henwife's Way.

(Winner of the third prize in our late Contest.)

Many women wish to keep poultry but are deterred from doing so by the cost of stock and houses, the time required to care for them, or want of room. For the benefit of such I will relate my experience and tell how I made two dollars

per hen profit in one year, on eggs alone.

In the spring of 1898 I decided to experiment in keeping poultry inexpensively, and after the farm hens were all set early in spring, I began in May by borrowing three hens for setting, of my father, and buying three settings of fi-teen eggs each, from a man who had unusually good success in egg produc-tion, and began on a small scale. Hens were set, and nests made in barrels laid on the side, stakes being driven on each side to keep them from rolling, the front arranged to close with boards, and the back end raised about three inches from the ground, so no water could settle in the improvised coop during storms.

the ground, so no water could settle in the improvised coop during storms.

The first week in June forty chickens were hatched, all hens were confined in coops but the chicks ran at large. They were fed three times daily, with corn meal mosistened with sour milk or water itset except to swell it and know it to meal mosistened with sour milk or water just enough to swell it, and keep it together but not make it sloppy; and a handful of corn was added for the hen. Each morning about a tablespoonful of sand, good clean grit, was mixed in the feed for each flock. As small chicks cannot get, themselves, the grit needed to digest their food, much sickness will be prevented by giving them sand during the first month. At meal time feed was spread on a board and chicks ate all they wanted, then the board was removed, and nothing more given till the next regular feed time. Dishes of water always stood near the coops. Chicks are fond of boiled potato, but only a little should be fed at one time, till they are half grown.

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After three weeks the food was changed, cracked corn being given morning and noon, meal being fed at night to tole them in, as it is well to shut them in the coops early at night. The hens were taken away after five weeks, as chicks do better alone in hot weather. Not a chick was lost. Oddly enough they proved evenly divided in sex, twenty pullets and twenty roosters. All males but one were sold for broilers as early as possible, and all the attention given the pullets. given the pullets.

It was necessary to confine them when half grown, and not wishing to buy netting, use was made of straight edged boards which were at hand, each of which boards which were at hand, each of which was an inch thick, one foot wide, and ten feet long. Three were placed on edge one above the other for each side of a run ten feet square. Stout pickets were firmly driven both in and outside each corner, and wired together at the top, making a wall almost as solid as rock. Old sein was thrown above the

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In November a house for winter being needed, a space four feet wide was partitioned off at the north end of the run, and roofed with short, heavy but old boards, making a cozy room four by ten feet is risk. A small belower and to allow the fowls to go into the run which, was now six by ten feet leage—a door in the west end opened on the farm yard, and near by a door opened from the yard to the run. Perches were fixed in the east end of the house, and next paled along. end of the house, and nests nailed along the side, and lo! a convenient comfort-able home for the flock was finished, costing one-half day's work by one man. After a time slats were put across the top of the run, and weighted oil cloth provided to cover it during storms, and keep it dry. And I never had fowls do as well, or seem as comfortable as did those in that little make-shift house.

The twenty pullets were mixed Brown eghorn and Spanish, small and very The twenty pullets were mixed Brown Leghorn and Spanish, small and very tame. December first they were put on winter rations consisting of a warm breakfast of two quarts of boiled potatoes thickened with provender till flaky, and slightly salted, and at night a pint and a half of heated corn, with warm water twice daily. At noon apples, scraps from the kitchen, fresh meat several times a week, hayseed, clover and any odd bits week, hayseed, clover and any odd bits they relished were given as change of diet. After April all feed was given cold and meat and potatoes omitted, green food taking their place.

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Eggs were expected in December but none were found, and a discouraged mistress made her way through the first deep snow on the eve of January first, to feed her pets, but disappointments were forgotten when she found they had "turned a new leaf," and commenced the New Year right, five eggs being found in the nests. From that time they laid finely. No account was made of fowls or eggs used in a family of three persons, but as they must have exceeded in value the cost of keeping the flock, all sales were considered clear profit. The account for the year read as follows:

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Expense for food \$8.60. Work on houses \$1.00. Total \$9.60. Receipts for the year, 201 doz.

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The fowls daily visited a large heap of ashes and coal screenings and thus obtained the grit and lime they needed; no oyster shells were ever furnished them. I think it largely due to diet that few hens wanted to set. There were but four broody during the entire season.

As all do not have plank handy, I would suggest that very large piano or other packing boxes, set two or more would suggest that very large phase of other packing boxes, set two or more together and roofed with tin, make satisfactory houses for a small flock. The houses and runs should always face the south as they are much warmer in winter, and it is the warmly housed hens that lay.

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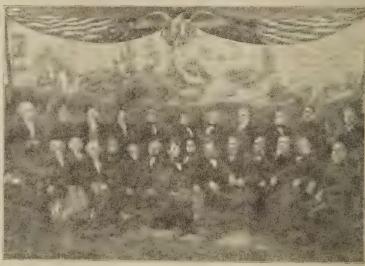
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In last issue I gave the readers an idea of the best breeders for the squab raising business, and now a few remarks on their mating, etc., would be a great help in getting the birds in good breeding shape.

For the squab business alone, it is not absolutely necessary to mate birds of the same color, for Homers squabs all dress a like. The easiest way is to put equal cocks and hens in a loft and as they mate take them to another pen for them to breed. The way to tell mates is to watch their actions. They smooth each others feathers, roost together and after watch their actions. They smooth each others feathers, roost together and after building their nest, the male bird will commence to drive his mate, that is he will chase her all the time, inside and outside the building until she lays an egg, then he ceases. Their loving actions is another way to tell if they are mated. Two males will often mate up if mated. Two males will often mate up if there are no hens for them, so in buying be positive you know who you are buy-ing from.

There are various parties who pan off old and odd birds on beginners and in consequence their success is a question.

A pair of birds properly mated will stay mated for life as a general rule. If you desire to mate up a pair exactly the same mated for life as a general rule. If you desire to mate up a pair exactly the same color, etc., it is necessary to use a mating box. It is a double box with a movable partition. Put the male in one side and the hen in the other. Leave them together in this way a few days, so they can hear but not see each other. This must be done away from the other breeders, after they have talked the matter over a few days remove the partition and leave them together. They usually mate up and stay mated. Leave in the box at least a week to make sure they are perfectly mated. To produce the heartiest youngsters the parents should be as near one age as possible, for a hen one year old and a cock eight years old will not do as well as if both were one year old. To produce the largest sized youngsters the parents should be large, heavy, and full breasted birds. Some Homers are no larger than common pigeons, but the best produce a squab which sometimes weigh close to a pound. A good plan to get a lot of good sized birds is to get a few Runt Homers, and mate their young with the regular Homer. Then let their young mate up, and in this way one gets the desired Jumbo squabs, demanding one dollar per pair in market.

Almost any squab is salable, but to market.

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Almost any squab is salable, but to those desiring to make a profitable business of squab raising, let me say, get the best of stock to start with. It seems a lot of money to pay one to two dollars for just a pair of birds, but do you know they are cheaper than three pairs of poor stock at half the money. The Homer squabs are worth double the price of common squabs. I would never advise using common pigeons, unless one wants to use the squabs for their own eating. Even then they are not as toothsome and fat as the Homers. The Duchesse are sometimes used as squab breeders, likewise the Dragoons and Runts. They produce large squabs, but the first price of the breeders is too high to consider buying any number of pairs. Runts sell from ten to fifty dollars per pair, and the Dragoons anywhere from five dollars up, so it would be useless to start with these. By all means see that the birds are truly mated, and a foundation is started for a large flock. The writer commenced with mated, and a foundation is started for a large flock. The writer commenced with thirty pairs and now has thousands of birds, many of them my own raising.

J. A. Summers.

Query—1. Where can I sell squabs? 2. Are common squabs salable? 3. Are squabs shipped alive or dressed?—Dennis White, Deer Creek, Ill

alive or dressed?—Dennis White, Deer Creek, III.

Ans.—I. Chicago would be your nearest market, unless you can get private trade nearer home. You can get better prices from private trade. 2. Common squabs are sold, the same as other squabs, but owing to their small size and occasional dark flesh, they do not demand the best prices. The squabs of the Homer are always white fleshed and are twice as large as the common ones.

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#### Answers By H. E. Van Deman.

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#### A Family Strawberry Patch.

I wish to plant a small patch of straw-berries for home use and would like to know what varieties will suit my case and how to plant them. I live in Central Pennsylvania, and our soil is clay

tral Pennsylvania, and our soil is clay loam.—A. B. W.
Reply:—The climate and soil of Central Pennsylvania is suited to the growth of almost all of the common varieties of the strawberry; yet for some local reason one kind may do better than another.
This, one can only tell by trial.
In planting fruits of any kind for home use there should be selected such as would ripen in succession from early to late, so that the season of their ripening may extend over as long a period as possible. A good list of this kind is as follate, so that the season of their ripening may extend over as long a period as possible. A good list of this kind is as follows:—Eureka, Tennessee, Haverland, Glen Mary, Aroma, Warfield, Splendid, Dunlap, Parker, Earle and Gandy. A smaller number than this will do very well, but there should be care used not to plant all such varieties as are imperfect or pistillate in their flowers. At least one variety out of three should have perfect flowers, or there will not be pollen sufficient to fertilize the flowers of those that are not perfect. The catalogues of the nurseries that supply the plants to set usually state which have perfect and which imperfect flowers.

On a small place it is not possible to follow the same method of laying out the rows and planting that could and should be done on a large place; but, so far as is possible lay out long rows and arrange to do a large part of the cultivating by horse power. The rows should not be closer than three feet apart and four or five is better. The plants should be set about eighteen inches apart in the rows. This will provide ample room for working by horse. The first runners should be made to take root along a narrow space, and as the season progresses

working by horse. The first runners should be made to take root along a narshould be made to take root along a narrow space, and as the season progresses others can be allowed to set according to the width between the rows. The earlier set plants will bear far the best, and it is well not to allow the very late ones to take root at all. A narrow matted row will bear larger fruit than a wide one, and is more easily kept weeded. By cutting off a large part of the runners that form after midsummer the earlier ones will grow much larger and stronger than they would if this was not done, and they will bear a large amount of big berries on a small space.

In setting strawberry plants, which are

In setting strawberry plants, which are naturally quite shallow rooted, it is well not to follow nature but set them straight down into the soil their full length. This will keep them in moister soil than if they were spread out in planting, and there is more certainty of growth and they start off better. The new roots that will soon form will take their natural resistant. positions

positions.

One other point is quite important to keep in mind when planting strawberries, and that is, not to set the crowns deep in the soil. They should be 'ust even with the surface. If they are below it, they will be smothered by the earth and not grow well, if at all, and if the crown is much above the surface of the soil there is great danger of drying out and dying from that cause. I set with a long dibble or spade, putting the roots straight down, and then press the earth to them firmly by another thrust of the implement near the roots.

#### Pruning Currant Bushes.

It is a very simple thing to prune currant bushes properly, yet many do not know how to do it. It should be well understood that the fruit is borne on the old wood and not on the new shoots. The fruit buds can easily be seen clus-tered on little spurs. It is well to cut

out some of the very old stems, if they are not vigorous and healthy, leaving most of those that are vigorous; and also some of the young shoots of the last year's growth. These latter stems may be cut back somewhat, so they will branch out and become stocky, instead of growing too tall. They should take the place of old stems that are not vigorous.

ous.

A little good sense is all that is needed to tell which to cut out and which to leave. There need be no fixed rule or fancy notions put into practice. But do not think that the bushes must be cut down to a very few small stems, nor that a great number should be left. A moderately open cluster of branches will produce more and better fruit than if they are so close together that the sun and air cannot penetrate between them. air cannot penetrate between them.

James Macfarlane of New York wishes to know what fruit trees and plants he should set on a rather thin clay loam in the Hudson valley. He says the land is well drained. He also wants to know if dwarf pear trees would be better for planting the standards.

Reply:—A most any of the fruits suited to the climate of that region ought to do well in the soil mentioned, provided the matter of fertilizing it is not neglected.

well in the soil mentioned, provided the matter of fertilizing it is not neglected. There is scarcely any soil in any climate that does not respond to good manuring, and in most cases it is absolutely necessary to paying crops. Berries ought to yield fair returns there and I know that they do so all along the Hudson, where they are well cared for.

In planting a pear orchard a very good plan is, to get dwarf trees and set them so deep that roots will be sent out from the pear wood above the place of its union with the quince stock. This will allow the trees to bear at an early age, before the pear roots grow much, and thus serve the purpose of dwarfs; and when the pear roots attain some size they will increase the growth of the trees; giving them renewed vigor and thus prolong their usefulness far beyond what they would have with only quince roots to sustain them. roots to sustain them.

#### The Home Orchard.

In these days of constant warfare with fungi, insect pests, etc., the extensive commercial orchards are practical only for the few. Notwithstanding all these difficulties when it comes to the home supply. there are few of us if we have the space, that can afford to do without the orchard. Wi'll those of us who have the space, the supply and variety of fruits should be limited only by climatic conditions.

With proper varieties, there is With proper varieties, there is little trouble in extending the apple crop from July 15, to May 15, or later. The strawberries will come soon after this, and they be followed by the cherries; bush fruits, pears and stone fruits will fill out the season with bounteous supplies. Some already begin to whisper that this is impractical and far too much trouble, while others will complain of too little space to have any fruit trees.

trouble, while others will complain of too little space to have any fruit trees. Well, to the first we reply that anything of real value rarely comes for the mere asking. Now, we may view the fruit garden as a luxury that we cannot afford; but once in possession of it and fully knowing its value, we would view it as a necessity that we could not afford to do without. But let us see as to the second objection. Our circle of readers is constantly widening and extending outward objection. Our circle of readers is constantly widening and extending outward to the rural districts where space is less restricted. It is becoming as it ought to be a regular visitor at many of the farms.

be a regular visitor at many of the farms. But that we may more generally apply it, let us see what a single acre will do.

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Spray, farmers, spray with care,
Spray, oh spray the buglets there.

—E. G. Packard in Fruitman's Guide

#### Suggestions on Potato Cultivation.

The results of New York experiments in potato growing emphasize the importance of maintaining a sufficient supply of humus in the soil to conserve moisture. On a soil well supplied with humus the moisture may be conserved even through a severe drought, and a fair crop of potatoes produced. The great importance of thorough tillage has been very clearly brought out in these experiments but it has also been shown that intensive tillage alone is not sufficient to produce a large yield of potatoes. In fact, intensive The results of New York experiments tillage alone is not sufficient to produce a large yield of potatoes. In fact, intensive tillage may be overdone. During a drought only so much tillage is necessary as shall keep the surface mulch loose and thoroughly dry. The drier the surface layer of soil the more slowly will moisture be absorbed by it from the layers of subsurface soil. Harrowing potato land before the plants appear above ground is considered a wise practice. The use of Bordeaux mixture in nearly every case resulted in an increased yield, even when blight was not prevalent, and thorwhen blight was not prevalent, and thorough spraying with this material is therefore recommended as a general practice. Pruning potato vines to one main stem was not beneficial.

#### Choosing a Dairy Cow.

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In the Year Book of the Idaho State farmers' institutes, C. L. Smith describes an ideal dairy cow thus: She should have a big mouth, thick lip, large nostrils, a smooth-dished face, wide forehead, large, prominent eyes, thin on neck and shoulder, but widening down. fore legs wide apart, so wide that one might crawl between them, full chest, sharp back, wedge-like, back-bone rather prominent, ribs to start away from the backbone, that is, slant away and have two ribs right over small of barrel, far enough apart so that the open flat hand will go in between them. This is a particularly good indication of a large milker. The swell of ribs, paunch, should be large, with a heavy muscle running from hip joint diagonally down across the abdomen, cow should be broad on hip and well developed over hip, hind legs well apart, with good show of udder back of them, extending well up, udder also to begin well in front; but discard a cow that has a meaty, fleshy udder, the ideal formation being a circle shape, with the four teats well apart and square on end, and this indicates an easy milker, while, where the udder is well quartered up and the teats are big at In the Year Book of the Idaho State square on end, and this indicates an easy milker, while, where the udder is well quartered up and the teats are big at shoulder and pointed, it denotes a hard milker. The vein that runs from the udder to the heart should be large. If this vein is small and straight, look out. On the contrary, if big and crooked, it indicates a heavy milker. Notwithstanding all these "good signs," the final test is the milk pail and the Babcock test, because there are exceptions to all rules. because there are exceptions to all rules.

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birds are injurious and which helpful; forestry enough to know how to preserve, extend and harvest his bush lands; horticulture enough to know how to manage his fruit and vegetable gardens; veterinary science enough to understand horses and cattle, and their ailments; mastery of the principles of stock-raising; practical ability and push enough to enable him to apply his knowledge of all these things in actual work.

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It's over and over—do you know
How over-and-over stitches go?

"I have begun a handkerchief: Mamma turned in the edge,
And basted it with pink thread to show me where to sew.
It has Greenaway children on it stepping staidly by a hedge!
I look at them when I get tired, or the needle pricks, you know
And that is the way I learn to hem
With hemming stitches—do you do them?

"Next I shall learn to run, and darn, and back-stitch, too, I guess. It wouldn't take me long, I know, if 't wasn't for the thread; But the knots keep coming and besides—I shall have to confess—Sometimes I slip my thimble off, and use my thumb instead!
When your thread knots what do you do?
And does it turn all brownish, too?

"My papa, he's a great big man, as much as six feet high;
He's more than forty, and his hair has gray mixed with the black:
Well, he can't sew! he can't began to sew as well as I.
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You mustn't think me proud, you know,
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Now fades the last faint streak of snow, Now bourgeons every maze of quick About the flowering squares, and thick By ashen roots the violets blow.

Now rings the woodland loud and long, The distance takes a lovelier hue, And drowned in yonder living blue The lark becomes a sightless song

Now dance the lights on lawn and lea, The flocks are whiter down the vale And milkier every milky sail On winding stream or distant sea.

Where now the seamew pipes or dives
In yonder greening gleam, and fly
The happy birds, that change their sky
To build and brood; that live their
lives.

From land to land; and in my breast Spring wakens too; and my regret Becomes an April violet, And buds and blossoms like the rest.

Tennyson.

#### Grandpa's Glasses.

My grandpa has to wear glasses,

Cause his eyesight is not very strong,
And he calls them his "specks," and
he's worn them For ever and ever so long,

And when he gets through with his reading,
He carefully puts them away;
And that's why I have to help find them
'Bout twenty-five times a day.

But at night when we sit 'round the table, And papa and mamma are there, He reads just as long as he's able, And then falls asleep in his chair.

And he sits there and sleeps in his glasses. And you don't know how funny i

seems;
But he says that he just has to wear them
To see things well in his dreams.

#### Easter.

I've found the violets, mother, In the garden, down by the tree. And the crocuses are all blooming Just as they used to be.

The lilac buds are swelling
In the same old beautiful way,
And the pussy-willows look as they did
A year ago today.

M. A. L. Lane.

#### In April.

I saw the bare branch bending
In the March wind, cold and bleak;
I saw the robin flutter by, What did the red-breast seek?

On the maple, ash and beach; While the sound of the veery's clarion The bird's heart could not reach.

But, the pale moon kissed the dewdrops On the spreading branches bare; See! a generous coat of verdure Of emerald tints so rare.

Now, the robin sings in the morning From his swing in the leafy bower; And the blossoms make fragrant the sunshine, After the April shower

Susan Rennick.

#### The Building of the Nest.

They'll come again to the apple tree, Robin and all the rest, When the orchard branches are fair to see In the snow of the blossoms drest; And the prettiest thing in the world will The building of the nest.

Weaving it well, so round and trim, Hollowing it with care; Nothing too far away for him, Nothing for her too fair— Hanging it safe on the topmost limb, Their castle in the air.

Ah, mother bird, you'll have weary days When the eggs are under your breast, And shadows may darken the dancing rays When the fledglings leave the nest, But they'll find their wings in a glad

And God will see to the rest.

So come to the trees with all your train When the apple blossoms blow, Through the April shimmer of sun and

Through the are rain.

Go flying to and fro;
And sing to our hearts as we watch again.

Your fairy building grow.

Margaret E. Sangster.

The melting snow says "drop, drop,

The little frog says "hop, hop, hop."
The little bird says "peep, peep, peep." The little vine says "creep, creep, creep." The little bee says "hum, hum, hum," The little flower says, "spring has come.

#### .How the Sheep Found Bo-Peep.

Little Bo-Peep awoke from her sleep, Her eyes opened wide and wider, For she found herself seated on the grass, With an old sheep standing beside her.

Little Bo-Peep, said the good old

'How glad I am we've found you!'
Here we are—rams and sheep and lambs—
All flocking up around you.'

"'You blessed sheep,' said little Bo-Peep,
'I've been worried to death about
you.'
"We've been searching for you,'' said
the good old sheep,
'We wouldn't go home without you.''

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I am glad to announce a series of twelve articles y Chester A. Olmstead the well known authority on the series. I hope these articles will induce any of my readers to keep one or more colonies these wonderful little workers.—Ed.

A month ago we left the bees closely clustered between the brood combs feeding and living on the honey that had been stored in the combs during the previous summer, honey that but few of them ever helped to store. Nearly all of these bees we hatched in September and October and are therefore seven to eight months old and will live a month or more yet, so under certain conditions the worker bee lives eight or nine months and sometimes even longer. This is due to the fact that for the first five or more months of their lives they A month ago we left the bees closely five or more months of their lives they did but little work. Many of the bees that helped lay up these stores for winter lived only three or four weeks. They wore themselves out, worked themselves

wore themselves out, worked themselves to death.

"How long does the worker bee live," is a question that I have been asked oftener than any other, and I hope that every reader who is interested in the matter will notice the great difference, and the cause of it. It is well to remember that in this as in many other things pertaining to epiculture, that locality plays an important part. If they are obliged to go long distances for honey and fly against strong winds they are worn out much sooner than where such conditions do not exist.

I wish to tell you more about these short lived bees when they are in their glory, so will now consider the long lived ones, the ones that have lived through the winter. You may think of these as lucky or favored ones, but their life is not one of continued idleness and rest, for their life's mission has not been fulfilled, and they have many days work ahead, not the long bright summer days like their departed sisters had but

work ahead, not the long bright summer days like their departed sisters had, but days that are cold and stormy, when every trip to the field is filled with suffering and peril.

In this locality the Queen begins laying in the latter part of February, or in

In this locality the Queen begins laying in the latter part of February or in March, according to the conditions of the colony, at this time she lays only in the comb that is in the center of the cluster of bees and only in a few thousand cells. She goes in a circle and lays one egg in each cell, they are very regular, a young or good Queen hardly ever misses a cell, and if you will remember this you can pick out a good Queen, and that usually means a good colony.

These eggs are about one-twelvth of an inch long and as large around as a small needle. The color is a pearly white and when first laid they are covered with a sticky substance, as the end touches the bottom of the cell it adheres holding the egg in an upright position—that is, its length is with the length of the cell. (Beginners stick a pin in here, it may save you much trouble and money). These eggs remain in this shape for three days at which time they hatch into a

small larva around this the nurse bees put a little prepared food, it is white and milky like in appearance but not in substance. The bees prepare this from honey and pollen, and it was to meet this want that they gatherred a surplus of pollen and stored it in the bottom of the cells last summer as they could not get it from the fields so early in the spring, and they cannot rear brood without it. In March there is usually some and occasionally many days that are warm enough for them to fly. The first few times they go only a short distance from the hive but such a chance is a great enough for them to fly. The first few times they go only a short distance from the hive but such a chance is a great benefit to them it is the saving of many bees, in fact many whole colonies that would otherwise have died. The bees do not, except in the last stages of disease, void their exerement in the hive, and after long confinement they become so overloaded that unless they can have a cleansing flight they have dysentery and soon dwindle to nothing. As the warm days become more frequent the bees fly farther from home, and after a couple of weeks of mild weather they may be seen bringing home little balls of pollen on their legs. They get their first pollen in many localities—from skunks cabbage. It is a plant that grows in marshy places and is a very disagreeable smelling plant when broken but not otherwise. The pollen from it has no more odor than that from other plants. If it did we might expect the pollen from the lily to have the delightful fragrance of that flower, but it does not. (Those familiar with botany will know why). Following the cabbage, or along with it comes the willow and soft maple, the latter is the most valuable of all spring flowers. Those who do not know what pollen is can see some of it by examining a lily at Easter time. It is a flour-like substance of many different shades but yellow is the predominating color.

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There is so much of interest and beauty in the way bees gather and use pollen that it is hard to find a place to stop, but I must and wait until summer when all may watch them do it.

I wish that I could say the same by the matter that I must now consider, that is how to get a start in the business. I got mine by working in an apple dryer. I received fifty cents for paring in the (Continued on page thirty-two.)

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Once upon a time there was an old gentleman who went by the name of Mr. Bird-and-Bee Man. At least that is what the children called him because he knew so much about birds and bees and always had interesting things to tell about them.

about them.

One summer he visited a big park by a lake where many families had summer homes, where day after day the children could play under the trees, dig in the sand, or wade in the shallow water. There were flower beds, arbors, and hundreds of big trees in the park so of course the birds liked to come there too. Besides, they soon found out, as birds always do, that no pop-guns were allowed and nobody wanted to scare them away. But when Mr. Bird-and-Bee Man came he called the children together and said, "You are not treating the birds half right. Why don't you make them welcome if you want them to stay? Shall I show you something you can do for them?

Why don't you make them welcome if you want them to stay? Shall I show you something you can do for them? Will you help?"

All the boys and girls promised to do the best they could. He got saws and hammers and nails, and the whole crowd trooped down to where the carpenters were building a new bath house. The girls were put to work gathering little pieces of clean boards which the workmen had scattered about and the boys crowding around Mr. Bird-and-Bee Man, were shown how to make funny little bird boxes with front porches on which the birds could perch when they came. The largest boxes, he said, would be occupied by the noisy sparrows or fierce jays which would arrive quite early in the spring and liked good sized houses high up in the trees. The smaller ones placed lower were for the dear little martins that would come about April 6th. In order to keep any early comers from martins that would come about April 6th.

In order to keep any early comers from
getting the martins' houses, Mr. Birdand-Bee Man had a piece of wood put in
each door way shutting it up until after
the others had built their nests; then the
workmen in the park would take out the
plugs and all that Mr. and Mrs. Martin
would have to do would be to brush the
dust off their front porch and go in. He
declared he loved the martins better than
some of the others for they are prefix

declared he loved the martins better than some of the others for they are pretty, timid birds, not quarrelsome like the sparrows and jays, and they are such good insect eaters that the farmers should be glad indeed to see them.

Then he had some still smaller boxes placed in the trees at just about the level of a man's head. These were for the friendly little wrens that love to nest near the ground and be near to people. The children were sure they would recognize the tiny, reddish-brown bird when they came the next year, and after Mr. Bird-and-Bee Man had whistled its notes for them they thought they would know its song too.

Mr. Bird-and-Bee Man had whistled its notes for them they thought they would know its song too.

Then he told them that the winter before he visited the boys' reform school, the place where we have to send boys who will not keep the laws of the country. Of course the boys here are usually very bad and as unkind to birds as can be; but at last he got them interested and they put up 120 boxes in the trees around their school buildings. When spring came they watched carefully to see what birds would come to rent their houses, and one rainy, chilly day two blue jays arrived. They took one of the houses right off and seemed much pleased with it; but the next morning they flew away and were gone a long time. The boys thought they had gone for good, but by and by they came with a whole flock of blue jays and soon every one of the 120 houses was taken. Evidently the first ones liked it so much that they went after their friends.

Right away the park children declared that the boys of the reform school should not get ahead of them, that they would have some boxes put up at their homes in town, that they would have some clean straw and bits of cotton handy for the making of the nests inside. They would scatter short pieces of white cord and ravel out rope about too, so that the pretty yellow orioles would not have any trouble in weaving their little cradles in the treetops.

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fail .- Longinus. Who bravely dares must sometimes

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People do not lack strength, they lack -Shakespeare.

The greatest firmness is the greatest mercy.-Longfellow.

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faithful.-Latin proverb.

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The first and worst of all frauds is to cheat one's self.—Bailey.

Everyone is eagle-eyed to see another's faults and deformity.—Dryden.

Tell me with whom thou art found, nd I will tell thee who thou art.—

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Never mind where you work; let your care be for the work itself.—Spurgeon.

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And. in the heat of passion and of

pique,
The tongue is far more cruel than the
—Austin.

It is a very good world to live in,
To lend, or to spend, or to give in;
But to beg or to borrow, or to get a
man's own,

It is the very worst world that ever was -Earl of Rochester.

The mill will never grind with the water that is passed.—MacCullum.

There is no greater delight than to be conscious of sincerity on self-examination .- Mencius.

That man is worthless who knows how to receive a favor, but not how to return one.-Platus.

Accuse not Nature: she hath done her part; Do thou but thine .- Milton.

There are occasions when it is undoubtedly better to incur loss than to make gain.-Platus.

The world goes up and the world goes

down,
And the sunshine follows the rain d yesterday's sneer and yesterday's frown And

Can never come over again, -Charles Kingsley.

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How can he abide long in peace, who thrusteth himself into the cares of others, who seeketh occasions abroad, who little or seldom cometh to himself?—Thomas a'Kempis.

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ward, Jessie Sumner, many of his friends said he had made a mistake. She was a merry, laughing girl of eighteen, fresh from school and he, her father's old friend, a quiet, self-con-tained man of thirty-five, and it can scarcely be wondered at that many wise heads were shaken over the ill-assorted match.

They were married, and he took her to the old home that his family had owned and occupied for generations.

He had always been devoted to business, caring little for the society of women, and knowing little of them, except the grim old spinster aunt who had presided over his house since his mother's death until he brought his young wife home.

It never occurred to him that it was a

dreary sort of life for a girl like Jessie, alone in the old house all day, with only the servants and ghosts of by-gone gen-

erations for company.

And when she grew pale and listless, and lost her old elasticity of spirits, a fear that had haunted him since his wedfear that had haunted him since his wedding day took possession of him and poisoned his life—a fear that she had married him for home and position, and already regretted her choice.

And then people beagn to discover that Mrs.' McKeon was a very charming woman, and her husband a wealthy and influential man, and invitations began to pour in upon her.

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And Jessie plunged into this new life of fashionable dissipation with a zest that was the natural reaction from the gloom and loneliness of the past year.

At first her husband accompanied her wherever she went, for he had somewhat old-fashioned notions as to what was right and fetting for reported to

right and fitting for women to do.

But it was a life he utterly detested.

It interfered with his business, and he looked below the surface, and saw the hollow falsehood it was after all, and it grated on his fine ideas of truth and cinemits.

sincerity.

Perhaps he was somewhat dictatorial in his manner of telling her this; perhaps she imagined so. But when he urged the point she rebelled against his assumption of authority.

It was their first quarrel and their last, but it was a very bitter one. After that he opposed her in nothing, but it was as though a great wall of ice

had risen between them.

He devoted himself to business, and she became the acknowledged leader of the most exclusive circle in the place.

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And so years passed, and each one
drifted them farther apart, until they
seldom met, except at their own grand
entertainments. Each year she became
more the slave of fashion, and he of his
office. But through it all he loved her
with an undying love, and his one
thought was to gratify her every whim.

And when the dark days came—when
ships that were sent out freighted with
costly wares went down and were heard
of no more—when houses that seemed
stable as granite failed, and his wealth

of no more—when houses that seemed stable as granite failed, and his wealth seemed melting away like a snow-wreath, his only thought was of her; and though each day his hair grew whiter, and his form grew stooped with bending over the long columns of figures, in which the balance was always on the wrong side, he whispered 'For her sake,' and struggled on and denied her nothing. And even on the day when he came home knowing that all his efforts had availed him nothing and he was a poor man, his only regret was for her, that he would never more be able to give her the things for which she had bartered so much.

much.

He went into the grand old library. which was almost the only room in the house that remained unchanged, and tried to collect his thoughts. How would he tell her? was the question that reiterated itself through his mind, and for the first time in his life Donald Mc-Keon was a coward.

And he resolved that this at least he

would spare her. After all his obliga-tions were met, there would be some-thing left, not more than she had often lavished on one dinner, perhaps, but still

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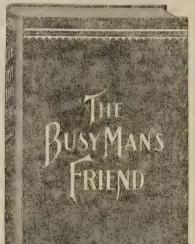
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enough to keep her from absolute want. Jessie should have this, and he would go away and work for her, and dream of her, but never again trouble her with his

He sat down and wrote a letter telling her this simply, directly, and with the great love he bore her breathing through every word.

The servant had told him she would

not be in for some time, and he took the letter himself up to her room.

It was a dainty place, bright as unbounded wealth and an exquisite taste could make it.

could make it.

He left the letter on her toilet table, lingering for a moment to touch caressingly the costly articles that were scattered about, all breathing of her presence

presence.
When he returned to the library, early dusk was falling. A servant came, bringing lights but he dismissed the woman impatiently, and a few moments later heard the sound of wheels and the sweet voice of his wife in the hall giving some directions.

At length, the silence became unbearable, and he seated himself at the piano. In his old bachelor days music had been his passion, but in these later years of feverish struggle he had found no time for it.

But when his fingers touched the keys But when his lingers tolking the keys, all the despair, the pain, and longing of his heart found voice in the rich chords that filled the room.

So absorbed was he that he did not hear a soft footstep enter the room.

A hand was laid on his shoulder, and a tremulous voice said:

a tremulous voice said: "Donald!"

"Donald!"
His hand came down with a sudden discord on the keys. It was the first time Jessie had ever called him by that name. He turned and saw her standing there in her dressing gown of soft cashmere. The firelight was sending long rays down the stately gloom of the library, and she looked very beautiful against the rosy background.

"You read my letter, Jessie?" he inquired.

quired.

Yes; and I am sorry for your sake,

"Yes; and I am sorry for your sake, Donald. You have worked so hard for your wealth," she said.
"Do not think of me, Jessie. It is not for myself I care. I am not afraid of poverty! But, oh, if I could save you from its sting! If it were at the sacrifice of my own life, as heaven is my witness, I would not spare it."
She came close to him and laid her hands in his.
"Donald there is a better thing you."

She came close to him and laid her hands in his.

"Donald there is a better thing you can give me than wealth can buy. Give me back the love I so madly threw away. Let me work with you and help you, and I will bless the day that made us poor."

"Jessie," he said, "are you sure of this? Do not try to deceive me. Do not say it if it is not true. I could go away now and learn to bear it, but to open my heart to this new hope and then find I was mistaken would kill me."

"Donald, do you think I am made of stone—that I could know all your kindness and patience all these years and not learn to love you? Oh, so often I have longed to kneel at your feet and ask your forgiveness, but I believed I had forfeited your love by my folly!"

"And you will not regret the loss of wealth and luxury?" he said, incredulously, "and can be happy with only my love?"

"You forget papa and I were poor before I married you Donald, and I was happier in those old days than I have ever been since I learned to hate the things that cost me so much, and to envy the poorest woman happy in her husband's love."

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#### The Honey Bee.

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day and firing the dryer until midnight. They cost me five dollars hive included, and I sold over fifteen dollars, worth of honey that year and they increased to two honey that year and they increased to two good colonies, and I do not know of any better way for any one to get a start than to buy a good strong colony. Just before cherry trees bloom is the best time to buy and move them. Hunt up some one who keeps bees the more up-to-date the better. He will charge you more, but to even up matters you will be more up-to-date and the partial of the proper start for he will the better. He will charge you more, but to even up matters you will be more sure of getting a proper start, for he will be more apt to know which have a young Queen and good straight combs. Take your bee veil and gloves (if you are afraid of bees) and go some warm day and tell him you want a colony with a young Queen and with the combs built straight in the frames. Ask him to take out some of the combs and look into the hive yourself and see that they are all straight, and movable. If he is not too busy he will be pleased to show you the Queen and many other things that would help you. He would probably sell you an extra hive, and some boxes and foundation comb, if you needed it. Five dollars would probably not buy his best colonies but it should buy a good colony, in a good hive. I have bought many at two and three dollars each, much depends on the locality, for in the South they are very cheap, probably because they can increase them rapidly and do not have any severe winter loss. If the man you buy of has a horse and you do not have any severe winter loss. If the man you buy of has a horse and you have none. You better hire him to de-liver them, now as to who may, and where they may, keep bees, there is no restriction that I know of in this country. restriction that I know of in this country. You have as much right to keep a colony of bees as your neighbor has to keep a cat or a canary, but they must not be allowed to annoy people. In the country there is seldom any trouble and the only thing one need fear is children disturbing them and being stung to death be-fore help gets to them. To guard against this one better build a tight fence of some kind around the bees with plenty of barbed wire on the outside to prevent the children climbing over. In the city if one has a back yard a place can be fixed the same as in the country and the higher the fence the better for as the bees leave, and return to their hive they will fly high enough to pass over people and not get tangled in their hair or clothing as they otherwise might. Then there is another place where a few colonies of bees can be kept, and it is the best place of all, especially if one lives in a city, and that is in some upper room that is not used very much, a bed room, store room, hall, garret or any place large enough for a hive and one person will do. Raise the lower sash until there is an opening under it of about one-half inch, and a block under it, for one colony leave a space eight or ten inches non, and a block under it, for one colony leave a space eight or ten inches long, for two colonies put a short block under the sash near the middle and set the hives side by side.

Fix a table or bench so it is just level with the window sill and fasten it there, nail some pieces of board about as thick and wide as one's finger and five inches long onto the sill, now get at the store of the side of the store of the side of the store of the side o

and wide as one's finger and five inches long onto the sill, now get at the store a piece of window screen (wire) five inches wide and as long as the window is wide, lay this down onto the little pieces of wood and tack it. This is so the bees can go from the entrance of the hive to the opening under the window and yet not get into the room and it also gives one a good chance to watch them as they

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ling them can find their way out, they always go the top.

I have spoken about a bee veil, and if one is afraid of bees they should wear one, also gloves, cheap ones cost fifty cents, one can be made for less. Take a piece of mosquito bar eighteen inches wide and thirty-five to forty inches long. Sew the ends together, make a hem or place along one edge for a puckering string, a rubber cord is best, draw it up until it will just fit around the crown of a straw hat. When worn it hangs low enough so that a jacket or vest put on over it will hold it so no bees can get under it. To go with this you must have a good bee smoker, the corneil is the best cheap one. They are to the bee keeper what anaesthetics are to the surgeon, and I advise all who are interested geon, and I advise all who are interested to send for a catalog and prices of bee-keepers supplies. They give the name and illustrate the different parts of hives and fixtures, which is a great help to the beginners.

#### Selected.

It is better for a young man to blush than to turn pale. Cicero.

The more we study, the more we dis-Shelley. cover our ignorance.

A man's own business does not defile his fingers. Italian Proverb.

Choose such pleasures as recreate much and cost little. Fuller.

Much bending breaks the bow; much unbending the mind.

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#### The Selection of Roses.

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D'Angers. Princess Bonnie is classed

D'Angers. Princess Bonnie is classed as a Tea rose, but it is very much like Pierre Guillot-making the richest colored half blown buds imaginable, but it is not so double as Meteor.

Kaiserin Augusta Victoria is perhaps the best white rose in existence. There are many white roses—a few good yellow ones. The yellow La France is certainly a peculiar color—but is single and of no value after the bud opens. Marie Guillot, and Francis E. Willard are identical but they are good roses.

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For a creamy yellow the Perle des Jardins is surely the most beautiful, but it is tender like the Glorious Marechal Neil. Perhaps the best yellow rose is Etoile de Lyon, though at some seasons the bud dries on the outer petals. Isabella Sprunt is worthless compared to the recreities. I have mentioned

bella Sprunt is worthless compared to the varieties I have mentioned.

Mad Joseph Swartz and Duchess de Bradrant are beautiful roses though neither are very double. Princess Vera, Mad Welch, Franciska Kruger, Mad Jeanne Caband and Mad Pierre Guillot are well worth growing. All having a tinge of coppery pink with a bright pink

I do not grow many Hybrid Perpetual roses because they do not bloom so much as the other classes. I have Baroness Rothschild and Paul Neyron—grand pink roses Dinsmore and General Jacqueiminot and Mrs. John Laing I have seen many times, the Mad Plantier spoken of as grand H. P. rose. I have ordered it several times and each time received a small white, fragrant rose that positively never bears a blossom after the season of bloom is over, say about the middle of May in Tennesssee. Yet all the catalogues class it as a continuous bloomer. I know they have the roses to sell but we are often misled by alluring descriptions. Actual experience is the best teacher. There are many magnificent roses not mentioned here but the small buyer will find the range of colors all to be desired. I do not grow many Hybrid Perpetual

#### The Cultivation of Flowers.

BY MRS. ROLLO WINN.

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Flowers like humanity, respond to careful training, preparation of soil and surroundings and when properly developed repay us by fragrance and blossom.

When I think of that condition or place called Heaven I think of flowers, music and children which to me all belong to one family.

one family.

Flowers inspire us to noble deeds and cultivation of our own inner natures which like the unmatured grains or seeds

which like the unmatured grains or seeds lay hidden waiting for conditions conducive to growth.

Their presence is more than language spoken to the sad and burdened ones of life, rests the weary and tired brains with elixer of life expressing to us in their verdure the continuity of life and progression. gression.

The grandest lesson ever given to re-fine our natures and make us subservient to nature and natural law is in the cultivation of flowers and if it is given to us in the next life to choose an occupa-tion I trust I may have a place in the

tion I trust I may have a place in the floral kingdom.

I would urge all mothers to instill in their children the love of flowers.

It will be an inspiration to solve the great problem of this creation; and it will bring them to a clearer understanding of the great principle that animates all form.

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As I sit by my window and gaze upon the fern, the leaves of which represent a ladder I am reminded of the human ladders where we are daily climbing.

When I discover the leaves beginning to rellow I realize there is a cause and I

When I discover the leaves beginning to yellow I realize there is a cause and I must find it. So like the ferns, symbolic of the rounds in the ladder of life, we must seek to find a remedy and strengthen the weak rung that we may reach the top in safety.

There is not a flower in the floral kingdom but what imparts a lesson to the human intellect.

The resurrection is clearly defined in the dormant plants blooming in summer. Nature has provided for the preservation of her expressions when they again put forth leaves and blossoms and gladden our lives and homes with their bloom and fragrance.

Let us seek to beautify our surround-

Let us seek to beautify our surroundings with the rich product of nature, cultivate in our children the love of the beautiful which is nowhere expressed better than in the floral kingdom.

#### An Old-Fashioned Garden.

BY ELLA WYCKOFF.

Margaret's garden is not of the tailormade style with the plants set in exact
rows like the braid on a gown; the plots
are not all the same size, the paths not
all the same length, nor is the fountain
exactly in the middle. Nevertheless in
all the township there is not a more orderly garden, nor one where more luxuriant flowers grow or sweeter odors float
on the June air; while the woodland
brook sings no sweeter song than Margaret's fountain.

Everything, from the vegetables by
the kitchen door to the tangle of honeysuckle at the front porch tells of loving
and patient care. The most delicate harmonies of color have been regarded.
The red geranium does not grow by the
purple helitrope; but flowers of the same
tint are grouped together. Violets and
the star of Bethlehem are scattered
through the grass, while the lily of the
valley blooms at the foot of a little hillock. Rosettes of houseleek outline
some of the beds. Hanging baskets filled
with odoriferous blossoms swing from
the low branches of an apple tree. In
the shade beneath stands a rustic bench.
In one corner a vine-covered trellis
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the shade beneath stands a rustic bench. In one corner a vine-covered trellis shuts out the world beyond. Here a woodland scene is so skilfully represented that even the bucolic poet, filled with the praises of nature and all too ready to disparage the works of man, may forget that he is within a few steps of a thriving town.

The birds love Margaret's garden. Every morning they perch among the blooming vines and through the moonlight hours slumber in the friendly shade of the bending apple tree.

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Once other blossoms flourished in this garden—two fair-haired children. The pale Lily was soon tranpslanted, and Margaret did not repine knowing that no harm could come to it in that other garden; but the sturdy Jack had thrived for many a season till the garden grew too small and only the great world could contain him.

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Each month since he left, a slip of green paper has come for Margaret, inclosed in a brief note. Jack had never talked much; how could he write? This spring the letter read: "That's for the garden, mother. I'm coming to see it soon." Soon.

Never has the garden been more blooming; never has the dainty house been so cheery. Maragret's face, always beautiful, wears a new sweetness. It is not sad to wait, for Jack never breaks a promise.



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#### The Pursuit of Happiness

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worshipper moved easily to an exaltation worshipper moved easily to an examation of emotion, his moods in solitude swayed by fine Pantheism. It was the time of roses; nightingales sang; the days were brilliant, the nights warm and still. For brilliant, the nights warm and still. For Mrs. Forrester's scheming—snap! But for the golden June weather, old god Pan abroad, whispering in the trees and laughing in the running water, and Angela, his true companion, loving and following him as any Dryad—here was the danger to a philosophy of splendid isolation. isolation.

Under sheltering trees in a quiet backwater of the river, Mr. Forrester's punt swung idly all a June morning. Here, in a solitude of two, were Brandram, deep in love, and showing it plainly; and Angela, perhaps the same, but showing nothing plainly—which is, of course, a girl's business.

The luncheon bell rang vainly. Mrs. Forrester smiled. No; she did not think it necessary to ring it by the river. Mr. Brandram had taken some sandwiches in

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It was when Angela had abandoned all hope of lunch (so she phrased it) and accepted a sandwich from the crafty Brandram that an idle question led to great events.
"What's the good of flies?" she asked.

"The Bishop would say there was reason for their existence."

Perhaps they don't raise bumps on

the Bishop."
"Even the golden summer brings its particular troubles."

"Even the golden summer brings its particular troubles."

Angela nodded.

"Wasps—ugh! But they say if you don't take any notice of them they won't sting. That's like bigger troubles. Forget them—and they won't sting."

Surely, thought Brandram, here was the very woman in all the world for him. He thought her sentiments conquered him; he would not see that it was her beauty. He was able to argue with his philosophy and push it gently out of the door—for her beauty alone he must have kicked it out of the window.

So he bent toward her, and, putting his hand over hers, said, softly, "Angela."

But Angela drew her hand away and looked troubled. She knew of his philosophy; Mrs. Forrester had not been discreet, preferring to be honest. How would this man, eccentric, caring nothing for society, loving to shut himself in solitude, aid her in her desire to bring her mother out of banishment into the society she loved? But her other lover could do it; and he was kind and fond of her—and all of that. So Angela could only beg Brandram to take her back down the river, and the punt carried home sad passengers, with no desire for luncheon.

only beg Brandram to take her back down the river, and the punt carried home sad passengers, with no desire for luncheon. Perhaps events had been different but for a letter Angela had received that morning. In it Mr. Porter offered her his hand, his wealth and social position, and, it must be presumed, his heart, although his pleading was hardened to matter of fact by long habit of business correspondence. He begged for an answer without delay. Angela almost expected the inclosure of a stamped envelope.

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In the afternoon she wrote the answer. She would marry him. She persuaded herself that she would be happier. It had always given her greater satisfaction to please others rather than herself. Her mother would be delighted.

She would post the letter herself, so gaining a few more minutes before the irrevocable last action. She was grateful for the mile that separated her from the postoffice.

postoffice.

Brandram, weary of the world, was loitering in the garden, and saw her leave the house with the letter in her hand. He begged to be allowed to take it to the post for her.

"I would rather go myself," said Angela, alive to the irony of the situation.

walk across the fields. It is nearly as short a way," pleaded Brandram.

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Angela lestated. The way hight be as short, but oh, so much more difficult! She hesitated—refused—but Brandram, masterful, took the letter out of her hand and thrust it in his pocket. He was tak-

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Muslin curtains may be rendered less inflammable by rinsing them in alum water—two ounces of alum to one gallon of water.

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To keep hardwood floors smooth and clean rub them with waste and warm paraffine oil and polish with dry waste.

To clean mirrors dip a cloth in methylated spirits and rub on the mirror. Allow it to dry on before polishing with a soft duster.

a solt duster.
Galvaized iron pails for drinking water should not be used. The zinc coating is rapidly acted upon by the water, forming a poisonous oxide of zinc.
Make a splendid furniture polish by taking a wineglass full of olive oil one of vinegar and two tablespoonfuls of alcohol; apply with a soft cloth and polish with flannel.
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Grass stains on children's clothes often cause a great deal of annoyance,. If molasses is rubbed on these spots and the garment is afterward washed as usual, they will disappear.

Rugs, mats or carpets can be cleaned thoroughly by generously sprinkling on them yellow corumeal that has been well dampened in clean soapsuds or weak ammonia water. Sweep off in a few minutes. minutes.

As a rule cut flowers will last longer if allowed to stand a short time in water before using. This simply applies, of course, where they are to be worn or carried as a boquet or used in decorations where they may not be placed in water.

To clean the nickle plate of the bath-To clean the nickle plate of the bath-room a mixure of washing soda and ammonia may be used for the cleaning part, with a little thin whiting paste when it comes to the polishing. These fitments are easily kept clean and bright if treated once a week, but the surface once thoroughly clouded through neglect it will take many repeated rubbings to restore the original polish and bright-ness.

ness.

The following is recommended in cases of bee stings: First pull the sting from the flesh, then bruise fresh leaves of the common weed known as vervain and rub the wound well with them, after which bind to it a plaster of the crushed leaves well moistened. This will prevent swelling and ease the pain. Vervain may be used in its dry state by steeping the leaves in hot water. It is gathered in September by negro nurses in the south and lung up to dry for winter use.

The backs and handles of ebony brushes

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The backs and handles of ebony brushes should be rubbed over with a very little linseed oil after washing and then rubbed with a soft duster until every vestige of oil is removed. Special care is needed in cleaning initials on these, and only very little slightly moistened whiting should be used, or it is apt to leave a nasty white mark on the wood which is extremly difficult to remove. In brushing the whiting off after cleaning be careful not to scratch the ebony, for once scratched it is spoiled.

Asparagus should be cut of equal length and boiled, standing ends up in a deep saucepan. Nearly two inches of the heads should be out of the water, the steam sufficing to cook them, as they form the tenderest part of the plant, while the hard, stalky part is rendered soft and succulent by the longer boiling—thirty to forty minutes—which this plan permits. It renders fully one-third more of the stalk delicious, while the head will be properly cooked by steam alone.

To clean wall paper without injury to

alone.

To clean wall paper without injury to its gloss or general effect take four ounces of pumice stone in fine powdered form and mix it with one quart of flour. When this has been thoroughly done with the hands add enough water to knead the mess into a thick dough. Form the dough into several rolls about as long as the width of each strip of wall paper and two inches in diameter. Wrap some white cotton cloth around each roll

paper and two inches in diameter. Wrap some white cotton cloth around each roll and stretch it in place; then boil about three-quarters of an hour. In that time the dough rolls are firm and the covering can be removed. Rub ment for diameter. Wrap and street the soiled paper with these rolls. Not only will ordinary dirt spots be removed, but greese will be

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#### The Pursuit of Happiness

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went back through the garden and found the punt. Angela was trembling a little. The postoffice was still a mile away.

As they passed the house a servan gave Angela a letter, and while Brandram busied himself preparing the punt she stood on the bank and read it. Twice she read it, so absorbed that Brandram grew impatient, jealous of other interests intruding at such a time.

"We shall miss the post," said he, presently.

presently.

Angela looked at him, the old laughter

"There isn't any hurry, after all," she said. "Please give me that letter."
She tore it into tiny pieces, throwing

She tore it into tiny pieces, throwing them into the river.

"I'll write another," she said, climbing into the punt.

But the other letter she held tightly, for there was magic in it. Her mother wrote that the vicar of the parish had obtained a living in London, at a large fashionable church in the suburbs. Angela had read the first page listlessly, but the second was quite another matter.

He had asked her mother to marry him.

"Let us go up the river. It's much jollier," said Brandram, pushing the punt into the stream.

"It was lovely—where we were this morning," said Angela, softly.—The Sketch.

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#### Fruit Notes.

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berries (fifty bushes); currants (fifty bushes); gooseberries (forty bushes); strawberry (two hundred to three hundred plants).

dred plants).

Were an orchard or fruit garden of this size to bear full crops each year, it would supply two or three ordinary families. But they have their off years, and even then a family ought to be pretty well supplied every year. Now if the acre is more than can be devoted to the enterprise, then take as much as possible and the above table can be used as an estimate for any size garden, larger or smaller. What we are most interested in is, that every one who can possibly do so, shall plant some trees and small fruits.

#### Some of The Possibilities.

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Could I paint the above subject in sufficiently glowing colors to arrest the eye, and fasten the attention of some of our readers, I would feel that I had accomplished a truly worthy object. To arrest some of the feet that are turning office-ward, and lead them out into the grand privileges that God's green acres are offering up would be a noble service. Why? Well the vegetable, flower and small fruit gardens are offering prizes and rewards greater by far than all that the city business offices can offer up. The competition is open to all and the rewards are for any who will earnestly and intelligently labor for them. It means patience and perseverance and a courage that will not quail in the face of failure, but success is assured at the end.

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cities in the country. The finest carnations produced in the United States are grown by a girl not more than fifty miles distant from us; and the history of her beginnings is not unlike that of the other girl. Well, there is plenty of room in the floral world still left for the earnest and painstaking, and the returns if not of the get-rich-quick order are nevertheless sure and steady.

The culture of small fruits and especially strawberries also offers a good field of operations. The strawberries by some have been called the poor man's berry. Be this as it may, the time never is when a fine quality of the fruit will not sell. It certainly does not pay to grow small crops of medium or indifferent fruit; but the big crops of fine berries will always pay. Good varieties, liberal feeding and thorough culture are the essentials to success. There are other specialties also that offer equally good openings; and success awaits any who engage in them with earnest and intelligent effort.

#### Fannie's Flirtation

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ing herself with you. Don't be so conceited as to imagine that it is a matter of life and death, to her, to make an impression upon that portion of your anatomy which is supposed to lie under your left vest pocket."

"That is just it!" exclaimed Lathrop, with more animation than he had yet shown. "If she were really in earnest, I should be flattered by it, and find it no difficult matter to return the preference-But the idea of a woman's deliberately setting herself to work to fascinate a man, in order that she may treat his heart like an old glove.

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